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**Around
the Army****England:**

The European Stars and Stripes reported Oct. 11 that an E. coli bacteria contamination detected last week in the water system at RAF Alconbury had been eliminated by Oct. 9, but base officials said the next day that it was still unclear how the bacteria entered the system in the first place.

Alconbury residents were told to boil their water or stick to the bottled variety on Oct. 4, after routine tests detected E. coli bacteria in the base's system.

The system was declared safe at about 12:30 p.m. Oct. 9, after a three-day cycle of tests showed no more bacteria.

For more on this story and other U.S. military news in the European and Pacific theaters, visit www.esrtripes.com/ on the Web.

Alaska:

The Alaska Post reported Oct. 11 that a surplus of available housing units on Elmendorf Air Force Base this fall is helping Army families who were facing potential moves to housing on the local economy.

Fort Richardson housing chief Teen Davis said the Elmendorf housing office called in August and offered 49 units for junior enlisted families because their occupancy rate had dropped below 95 percent.

In September the offer increased to 80 units for E-1 through E-8.

For more on this story and other U.S. Army news in Alaska, visit www.usarak.army.mil/alaskapost/ on the Web.

Fort Knox:

The Turret reported Oct. 5 that a 16th Cavalry unit had sponsored its first Battle Stress retreat Sept. 29.

Most of the men who participated in the Battle Stress workshop didn't know what to make of their sleeping problems or what to do to get beyond their jumpiness and anger.

The workshop was put together by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Bernard Niswander, an active duty Army reservist. He said he was seeing a lot of 16th Cav. Soldiers for discussions that led to their issues with loneliness, anger, depression and nightmares.

For more on this story and other Fort Knox, Ky., news, visit www.thewarrenterprise.com/turret/ on the Web.

Fort Sill:

The Cannoneer reported Oct. 5 that the post's commissary now stocked organic produce, had enlarged its freezer section by 60 percent and had added a sushi bar.

It also provides a map to help shoppers find the 19,000 items it now carries. The maps are displayed in the store for easy reference.

For more on this story and other Fort Sill, Okla., news, visit www.lawton-constitution.com/cball/cannoneer.htm on the Web.

Moving on



2nd Bde., 91st Div., Photo/Macleod
Sgt. 1st Class Dennis Dinsmore (standing at right) of 2nd Battalion, 356th Regiment's, "Redball Express" watches a Military Transition Team conduct combat lifesaving techniques during lanes training.

'Dagger Brigade' looks back on MiTT mission start-up

By Sgt. Zachary Shumway
2nd Bde., 91st Div., PAO

For the past several months, Soldiers of the 2nd Brigade, 91st Division, known as the "Dagger Brigade," have been working with Fort Riley units and Soldiers to set up the Military Transition Team mission. As their role in the mission draws to a close,

brigade officials say they are leaving behind a solid foundation to train American forces and have set up a successful platform for the 1st Infantry Division to take over later this fall.

Brigade officials said the "Dagger Brigade" was initially selected by senior Army leadership to set up the Fort Riley training mission because of

its successful record of MiTT training missions for the past three years.

During the initial set up, "Dagger Brigade" leaders immediately recognized that Fort Riley's size and training facilities meant they could expand training in new directions to prepare Soldiers better for conditions they

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Crews blast day, night targets Co. D, 2nd Bn., 16th Inf., qualifies on first try

By 1st Lt. Richard Eichbauer
2nd Bn., 16th Inf.

At ranges varying from 300 to 1,000 meters, Company D, 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, drilled holes in targets like seasoned carpenters even though it was their first time doing it.

As a motorized heavy weapons unit, Co. D will have the capacity and platform to do catastrophic damage to any enemy put before it. The vehicle from which they will launch their deadly art is the High-Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle, or "Humvee," as it is commonly called.

These vehicles have the capability of mounting a .50-caliber machine gun, automatic grenade launcher and an anti-armor weapon known as the Improved Target Acquisition System (ITAS). Together, they make for a deadly combination of power and maneuverability.

Only recently reactivated, the 2nd Bn., 16th Inf., is building from the ground up, getting Soldiers qualified in their respective areas, including the weapons they will wield when in operation. For roughly two weeks, from Sept. 25 to Oct. 5, Co. D conducted heavy weapons gunnery using a "Humvee" gun truck with a crew served weapon mounted on it. In this case, that weapon was the .50-caliber heavy machine gun.

Qualification takes more than good gunner

Not solely based on the individual gunner's skill, qualification for this event was a team effort. The team consists of a vehicle commander, a driver and a gunner. Co. D worked



2nd Bn., 16th Inf., Photo
Seen through a night vision scope, a Co. D, 2nd Bn., 16th Inf., Soldier fires a .50-caliber heavy machine gun during crew qualifications Sept. 25 to Oct. 5.

its crews through blank fire to stationary firing to the qualification lane, where they would drive through an area overwhelmed with enemy targets.

Performing day and night iterations over a 1,000-meter course, the crews shot at targets that simulated enemy troops and vehicles at varying distances. But that wasn't all it took to qualify.

With each crew member providing a vital role, each engagement is scored based on time, driving techniques, fire commands and firing accuracy. When it is all over, crews

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Artillery switches mission

4th Bn., 1st FA, assumes MiTT responsibilities

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

If it weren't for the decorative artillery shells standing outside the battalion headquarters, the 75mm cannon on exhibit inside the building's entrance or the shiny brass model cannon outside the commander's office, members of the 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery, could easily forget they are in an Army artillery unit.

The only battalion cannon that "fires" is the Civil War replica the battalion uses to set off powder charges at post ceremonies.

"We've got no more Paladins," explained Lt. Col. Bobby Thomas Jr., battalion commander. The Paladin is a self-propelled, tracked cannon with a 105-mm gun tube.

"We've turned in all our tracked ammunition carriers, all our palletized ammunition trucks, all our radar systems and all our MTOE (Military Tables of Organization and Equipment) equipment."

Lack of artillery equipment fits new job

For a while, the field artillery battalion won't need all that hardware to fulfill its mission because its mission has changed. Effective Oct. 1, the battalion assumed a training mission a long way from field artillery gunnery and fire support for units in combat.

The artillery battalion shrank from more than 500 Soldiers normally filling an artillery battalion to a conglomerate of about 130 Soldiers with varying military skills now responsible for training Military Transition Teams head-

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SecArmy announces campaign

Army sets 30 days to prepare for new advertising blitz

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army announced Oct. 9 the start of its internal plan to launch a new advertising campaign — Army strong.

The campaign plan is designed to help the Army communicate and educate the nation about the Army.

Army Secretary Dr. Francis J. Harvey unveiled the strategy for launching the new campaign, a key component of the Army's recruiting efforts, to an audience of Soldiers, civilians and family members attending the opening ceremony for the 2006 Association of the U.S. Army annual meeting in Washington, D.C.

"This morning, we will launch our internal communications and education phase lasting several weeks until we formally launch the new advertising campaign on Nov. 9," Harvey said. "It is vitally important that the internal Army family understand and embrace this new cam-

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WWI recruiting poster





A "Dagger Brigade" observer/controller trainer for the 2nd Bde., 91st Div., instructs a sergeant first class from a Cycle One Military Transition Team training at Fort Riley how to enter an enclosed area and react to an enemy.

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may face in Iraq.

One of the ways the brigade increased the combat realism of MiTT training was to construct six new training areas, known as "urban clusters." Urban clusters are simulated Iraqi villages designed to enhance the Soldiers' ability to react and fight in urban combat conditions.

The additional training space allowed the "Dagger Brigade" to expand training in new directions, and that meant the brigade would have to expand its existing training model.

Sgt. 1st Class George Tillman, one of the "Dagger Brigade's" operations noncommissioned officers said the brigade had initially dedicated 30 days to the course.

"We wanted to add a greater sense of theater immersion training to provide the Soldiers we train with the best knowledge possible before we send them overseas," he said.

To accommodate the new training, the course was expanded to a 60-day training model.

Tillman said MiTT training is designed to train the 1st Inf. Div. trainers to train the deploying U.S. trainers. One way to accomplish this is to have the MiTT Soldiers train another group of Soldiers acting as Iraqi security forces.

The brigade had previously provided Soldiers training on how to react to civilians on the battlefield. In the new training model, Soldiers are also taught to interact with and advise the ISF.

"What we taught at Fort Carson was 'here is your weapon and here is how you fire it,' but here we are teaching 'here is your weapon and here is how to fight with it, now go teach someone else how to fire it,'" Tillman said. Tillman said another improvement to the course was the addition of language lab training. Fort Riley's operation section and security managers worked together with the "Dagger Brigade" to design a course that gives MiTT Soldiers a better understanding of the Iraqi language and culture. Cultural awareness allows American Soldiers to form a better bond with their Iraqi counterpart unit.

The language lab is staffed by Iraqi nationals who work for the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, Calif.

The expansion of the training cycle also allows more time for Soldiers to be trained in Combat Lifesaving Skills. The new cycle increases the number of days MiTT Soldiers spend training in CLS from three to four. Tillman said the enhanced CLS training teaches additional advanced lifesaving techniques and allows Soldiers to better accomplish CLS certification.

The additional training day features a situation training exercise designed to place Soldiers in a combat environment. In the exercise, Soldiers must react to enemy fire, evaluate and treat casualties, call for fire support and arrange for medical evacuation, all at the same time.

One of the most unique "Dag-

ger Brigade" training aides added to MiTT training is the improvised explosive device training facility. The facility is set up in a museum-like setting where Soldiers can walk through and view models of IEDs currently being used against them in-theater and learn how to react to them.

Tillman said another major improvement in MiTT instruction is the weapons training time the Soldiers can receive. "When we expanded the training to the 60-day model, we added a day of training on each weapon system the Army offers instead of combining all weapons in one or two days."

To ensure the MiTT Soldiers are prepared for their mission, the brigade added a Situation Training Exercise that tests the teams on what they can expect in-theater.

"At the end of the MiTT training cycle, the brigade added a four-day capstone exercise designed to test the Soldiers on how well they retained what they were taught and how well they trained their Iraqi counterparts," Tillman said. The STX includes mock IED attacks, convoy operations and urban assault situations.

Although the "Dagger Brigade" has improved the training model, Tillman predicts there will be more changes.

"The training model will continue to be updated as the situation in-theater dictates," Tillman said, adding, "We want to send the best trained, best prepared Soldiers to theater as possible."

New mission

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ed for Iraq and Afghanistan.

Instead of a battalion of field artillery Soldiers, Thomas now commands a unit of artillerymen, infantrymen, tankers and mechanics, among others. "Battery A is commanded by a field artillery officer, but the first sergeant is an infantryman. Battery B's commander is a tankerman and his first sergeant is a mechanic."

"It's a task force battalion," Thomas said, giving a definition to the hodge-podge of trainers assembled for the MiTT mission.

The new mission is twofold, Thomas explained. The battalion's Btry. A is responsible for conducting all the small arms and crew-served weapons ranges for MiTTs. That involves coordination of all the resources needed when MiTTs use the ranges, including ammunition, primary marksmanship training and conducting any concurrent training while teams are sitting in the bleachers waiting their turn to fire.

Concurrent training covers such things as foreign weapons and improvised explosive devices.

Each cycle of MiTTs requires

training on eight to nine ranges, Thomas said. To make that happen, 4th Bn., 1st FA, Soldiers are the "boots on the ground," he said. They are the lane safeties, the officer-in-charge, the instructors, the armorers and the ammunition details.

They also conduct after action reviews following the training, he said.

Btry. B Soldiers provide "non-lethal effects" while MiTTs are training, Thomas said. They are role players, for one thing, he explained. Btry. B's Soldiers could be opposing forces one day, civilians on the battlefield another day or Iraqi security forces another day, he added.

Role players must be academy grads

Only graduates of the battalion-developed OpFor Academy get to play those roles, Thomas said. The academy teaches the Soldiers what they need to know about exercise rules of engagement, he added, such as how close they can get to the MiTTs, limitations to their behavior, what they

should do and the kinds of uniforms and clothing they must wear to portray their roles correctly.

The non-lethal effects "cell" works with the post's visual services staff to create some IEDs and vehicle-borne IEDs for training scenarios, Thomas said.

Taking on a nonstandard mission like 4th Bn., 1st FA, has done places an added burden on the unit's leadership. Besides training the MiTTs, Thomas and his headquarters staff must remember that the battalion's Soldiers have to remain proficient in their primary military job specialty.

That means making sure they get the training needed to keep up their skills, Thomas said. So, the artillerymen, infantrymen, tankers and mechanics will have to be given time and opportunities to maintain their personal military skill levels. "How we do that will take some real initiative, maybe letting them train with other units," he said.

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Recruiting messages keep Army rolling along

By Mary Kate Chambers
and David Vergun
Army News Service

WASHINGTON – The Oct. 9 announcement of the Army's new advertising campaign – Army Strong – follows earlier slogans of “Be All That You Can Be” and more recently “An Army of One” aimed at attracting recruits into the all-volunteer Army.

The Army has used slogans and recruiting posters since the earliest days to help fill its ranks. After Congress voted to create the Continental Army on June 14, 1775, posters – also known as handbills and broadsides – were used to generate enthusiasm for service in the Revolutionary War. During the War of 1812, posters with more elaborate artwork were a popular means of enticing recruits.

Posters and patriotism continued to attract recruits during the war with Mexico and the Civil War. But Civil War posters didn't quite lure enough individuals into the ranks, so the Union and the Confederacy eventually turned to



ANS Photo
WWII recruiting poster aimed at recruiting women into the Army.

conscription.

When President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, Union posters appeared, enticing freed slaves to the call of duty. Many chose to serve, as they had in previous wars.

Newspapers gave extensive coverage of the sinking of the battleship USS Maine in Havana harbor in 1898, and when war broke out with Spain in the aftermath of the sinking, many joined the Army.

In 1917, shortly after America's entry into World War I, Congress passed the Selective Service Act, authorizing the registration and draft of all able-bodied men between the ages of 21 and 30. Recruiting posters proliferated, as the Army still preferred to enlist willing volunteers, especially those with needed skills.

Posters targeted recruits for the U.S. Army as well as for particular occupational specialties, such as tanks, engineers and transport. The hit song, “Over There,” also proved to be a patriotic sentiment that boosted enlistment.

During World War I, perhaps the most popular recruiting poster ever produced was the “I Want You For the U.S. Army,” which featured an illustration of Uncle Sam pointing a finger at the viewer. The poster proved so popular that it was continued through the next big conflict – World War II.

A proliferation of colorful recruiting posters emerged in World War II, with the Army once again targeting particular occupational specialties, such as the infantry, Women's Army Corps, Signal Corps, Army Nurse Corps and the U.S. Army Air Forces. As in World War I, Congress found it necessary to instate the draft, as posters and other incentives were not quite enough to entice enlistees.

The draft continued through the Korean and Vietnam Wars, as did posters and recruiting incentives, such as the G.I. Bill, enlistment bonuses and the opportunity to learn valuable technical skills.

During this time period, African-Americans and other

minorities were fully integrated into the armed forces and the services became much more representative of the general population. Also, a greater number of Army jobs were opened to women.

In 1971, near the end of the draft, the Army's campaign was “Today's Army Wants to Join You.” This was met with some opposition from Soldiers and veterans groups who were concerned that appealing to people to join the Army by using commercials, much like one would use to sell them a consumer product, would attract people who were not well-suited for military service and result in a low-quality force. They said the ads leaned too heavily on

monetary incentives and concessions and less on the warrior aspect.

When conscription ended in 1973, the Army introduced a tougher, more realistic cast to the service in “Join the People Who've Joined the Army,” a campaign developed by advertising agency N.W. Ayer.

The agency worked with the Army from 1969 to 1987. Then, “This is the Army” was introduced in 1978.

From 1973 through 1976, the Army met its recruiting mission. However, in the late 1970s, budget cuts, elimination of the Vietnam-era GI Bill and the failure of entry-level pay to keep up with inflation were detrimental to Army recruiting. In 1979, the service missed the mission by more than 17,000. Gen. Edward “Shy” Meyer, then chief of staff, told Congress that the Army was a “hollow” organization.

To begin to turn things around, the Army brought back two-year enlistments and advertising and recruiter support funds were restored.

In January 1981, “Be All You Can Be” became the Army's catchphrase. The jingle that went along with it was so popular and effective that Advertising Age magazine listed it as the number two refrain of the 20th century.

The motto propelled the Army through the 1980s, but by the mid-1990s, a robust economy resulted in a new recruiting climate. Youth propensity to serve dropped.

Leo Burnett, an agency based in Chicago, was contracted and developed a new advertising strategy. In January 2001, “An Army of One” debuted. It targeted high-quality prospects and drove them to goarmy.com and to the 800 recruiting phone number.

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paign. I believe it speaks to an essential truth of being a Soldier.”

The Army is taking 30 days to educate its internal audience on the campaign's meaning.

The Army will go public Nov. 9 with television, radio and online spots, as well as an updated www.goarmy.com Web site.

Print ads are scheduled to begin in January and will be directed to media that appeal to young adults.

The Army Strong campaign will build on the foundation of previous recruiting campaigns by highlighting the transformative power of the Army.

It also will capture the defining experiences of Soldiers – active duty, Army Reserve, and National Guard – serving the nation at home and abroad.

“I am both inspired and confident that the campaign will build

Post Soldiers filmed for ads

The Army's contracted ad agency spent about two weeks at Fort Riley, researching locations and activities and filming Soldiers and families for the new television ads the Army will use in its upcoming recruitment campaign, “Army Strong.”

See related campaign story on this page and letter from the Secretary of the Army on page 5.

on the positive momentum within our recruiting program,” said Lt. Gen. Robert Van Antwerp Jr., commander of the U.S. Army

Accessions Command.

The Army Strong campaign will address the interests and motivations of those considering a career in the Army and will speak to family members and friends supporting prospective recruits.

Developing the campaign is McCann Worldgroup, a marketing communications agency retained last December after a competitive review of potential agencies.

To develop the campaign, McCann conducted extensive research among prospective Soldiers and their influencers and interacted with hundreds of currently serving Soldiers.

“This is a campaign informed by research and inspired by Soldiers,” said Eric Keshin, McCann Worldgroup's worldwide chief operating officer and regional director-North America.



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WWII recruiting poster emphasizing need for infantrymen.

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An AH-64 Apache attack helicopter fires a 2.75-inch rocket at a target during the CAB's 1st Bn., 1st Avn. Regt., gunnery demonstration at Fort Riley's Multi-Purpose Range Complex Oct. 7. The Apache, which carries a payload of 76 rockets, also fired its 30mm cannon as part of the demonstration. *1st Inf. Div. PAO/Smith*

1st Bn., 1st Aviation, shows off firepower



1st Inf. Div. PAO/Smith
Pfc. Brandon Chautin, an Apache crew chief with Co. B of the CAB's 1st Bn., 1st Avn. Regt., helps 2-year-old Anthony Quintero from the cockpit of an Apache during family day at the Multi-Purpose Range Complex at Fort Riley Oct. 7. The family day was the first hosted by the CAB.

Aviation families learn Soldier's jobs, have fun

By Pfc. Nathaniel Smith
1st Inf. Div. PAO

Family members of the 1st Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, were the guests of honor at a special family day hosted by the Combat Aviation Brigade battalion at Fort Riley's Multi-Purpose Range Complex Oct. 7.

Attractions set up for the families included a static display of the Army's Apache attack helicopter, a live-fire demonstration of the Apache's 30mm cannon and 2.75-inch rockets and grilled chicken, hot dogs and hamburgers for lunch.

During the static display of the aircraft, children were allowed to sit in the Apache's cockpit under supervision of the helicopter's crew chief.

Spec. Chris Lara, an Apache crew chief with the battalion, said he appreciated the value of having the family day.

"This is really great for morale," he said. "It's a great chance for us to show our families what we work on every day."

Turnout for the event was greater than anticipated, said Capt. Dan Goldsmith, the battalion's personnel officer.

This event was the first family day the CAB unit has hosted,



1st Inf. Div. PAO/Smith
Capt. Jason Woodward, logistics officer for the CAB's Hqs. Co., 1st Bn., 1st Avn. Regt., prepares the grill at the battalion's family day Oct. 7. The family day was a success with more families turning out than originally anticipated.

ed, but it would like to have more of them in an effort to get families more involved, Goldsmith said.

By Pfc. Nathaniel Smith
1st Inf. Div. PAO

A glimpse of the Army's AH-64 Apache Longbow attack helicopter on the move can fill the hearts of this nation's enemies with fear and panic.

On Oct. 7, this beast of an aircraft was greeted with something quite different: the smiles and stares of amazed children.

The 1st Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, the "Big Red One's" Combat Aviation Brigade hosted an Apache gunnery display at Fort Riley's Multi-Purpose range complex that day.

The display included demonstrations of the attack helicopter's 30mm cannon, which is capable of firing 625 rounds per minute, and its 2.75-inch rockets, which were fired at targets from as high as 2,500 meters.

Spec. Chris Lara, an Apache crew chief with the battalion, said

the Apache is set apart from the Army's other helicopters because of its extensive avionics — the electronic devices that make it capable of detecting targets that are miles away.

The twin-engined Apache, which has components produced by an assortment of major aviation companies, also can relay signals to units on the ground to let them know the location of the enemy.

The Apache's A model entered service in 1984; the D model was released in 1998. Today there are more than 800 Apaches in service for the Army and more than 1,000 have been exported to other nations, including Egypt, Greece, Israel, The Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom. Japan uses the Apache's DJF model for its Ground Self-Defense Force.

In addition to the weaponry on display, the Apache is equipped

with Hellfire missiles capable of destroying targets up to 8,000 meters away.

The AH-64 weighs about 17,650 pounds and can cruise at about 145 miles per hour. It can carry one external 230-gallon fuel tank on attack missions and four equal-sized tanks on self-deployment and ferrying missions.

Lara, who has been a crew chief for three months, said he takes great pride in being able to

work on the Apache and said the opportunity to get familiar with the helicopter was one of the perks of his Army aviation job.

Lara's responsibilities as crew chief include ensuring there is nothing wrong with his aircraft and that all operational issues are addressed.

he crew chief's job is to keep the helicopter in a state of constant readiness, so it can take off at a moment's notice.

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Riley Roundtable

This week's question:

Fort Riley has begun its annual Combined Federal Campaign. How important do you think it is for people to consider donating to the campaign?



"I give to the American Cancer Society and leukemia society because of all the good work and research they do."

Sgt. Stephanie Dempster
Human resources NCO
1st Maintenance Company
Hometown: Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.



"It's not for me to say whether someone should contribute, but it's good to have the opportunity to give."

Maj. Don Nelson
In training
Military Transition Team
Hometown: Stockbridge, Ga.



"It's a personal decision. CFC helps a lot of good organizations but the decision is up to each Soldier to contribute or not."

Capt. Russell Nunley
Signal officer
3rd Brigade
Hometown: Graham, Texas



"It's very important to consider contributing because it's low cost to them and a great benefit to others."

Capt. Vincent Shuler
Legal assistance officer
Staff Judge Advocate's Office
Hometown: St. Matthews, S.C.



"I think it's nice (to have a campaign) because some Soldiers may not know how to contribute to charities, and it gives them a chance (to do that)."

Capt. Heidi Stoltzfus
Legal assistance officer
Staff Judge Advocate's Office
Hometown: New Holland, Pa.

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From the top

'Army Strong' needs everyone's support



Dr. Francis Harvey

stronger person by becoming a Soldier. This is a special kind of strong ... it's Army Strong!

We will take a full 30 days to explain this campaign as well as possible to help you - our Soldiers, Army civilians, family members and our community champions - understand what it is and the meaning behind it. Watch the video that represents the essence of this campaign on AKO (www.us.army.mil).

The public launch (television commercials, new posters, etc.) will take place on Nov. 9.

Army Strong stands for a big idea. It speaks to the truth about the U.S. Army - that Soldiers develop mental, emotional and physical strength forged through shared values, teamwork, experience and training ... that by making the decision to join the Army, an individual is choosing to recognize potential strength within him or herself and develop it further ... that an individual Soldier is choosing to take charge of his or her future and career ... that Soldiers actively choose to make a difference in their lives, their families, their communities and for their nation.

I firmly believe Army Strong is the truth. I speak often with

Soldiers, as I know you also do. In different words and in different ways, over and over again, I hear the story of strength.

Gen. Schoomaker and I are asking for your full support of this important campaign. Every time you go into your community, when you walk through an airport or any other activity in your daily life, you are the most effective demonstration of the Army Strong.

We are asking you to represent Army Strong.

We are asking you to encourage others to visit www.goarmy.com to learn more about the U.S. Army.

You are Army Strong.

Francis J. Harvey
Secretary of the Army

Personal safety

All post residents should help prevent fires

By Mike Cook

Fort Riley Fire Chief



Fire Chief Mike Cook

One of the country's worst urban fires was the "The Great Chicago Fire" that started on

Oct. 8, 1871, and lasted for 27 hours. The worst of the fire occurred on Oct. 9. It killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres.

The origin of the fire has never been determined, but there have been many speculations on how it began. One popular belief is that Mrs. Catherine O'Leary was milking a cow, Bessie, when it kicked over a lamp, setting the O'Leary barn on fire and starting the fire.

On the 40th anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire, the International Fire Marshal's Association sponsored the first National Fire Prevention Day as a way to keep the public informed about the importance of fire prevention.

In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation. Since 1922, National Fire Prevention Week has been observed during the week in which Oct. 9 falls.

In addition, the president of the United States has signed a proclamation pronouncing a national observance during the week every year since 1925.

Soldiers, families and civilians need to do their part in making Fort Riley a safe place to live and work. Everyone needs to inspect their areas and take the measures necessary to prevent fires in the quarters and where they work.

Since the beginning of the year, Fort Riley has had three kitchen fires in family quarters and all of these fires were caused by family members leaving the kitchen while cooking food. It does not take long for grease or other material to overheat and catch fire.

Additionally, the situation can become worse by attempting to put a grease fire out with water, because that actually causes the fire to spread. Luckily this year,

we have not had anyone hurt because of kitchen fires.

In the event of a kitchen fire, call 911 first, and then, if it is safe to do so, turn off the stove, cover the pan and evacuate the quarters.

Family housing residents as well as units, agencies and Soldiers living in the barracks need to look at checking their areas and removing any fire hazards as well as eliminating any unsafe procedures, such as melting shoe polish to wax floors.

All family quarters have smoke detectors and they should be tested monthly. Residents can check their detectors by pressing the little red button, which should sound the audible alarm. If the alarm on the detector does not sound, immediately notify the Picernie Family Housing Service Order Desk in the Neighborhood Office.

Detectors in the barracks and administrative areas work differently and are not designed to be checked. If you are unsure about how the smoke detector operates, call the fire department at 239-4257 and someone there will be glad to check it for you.

Two of the most effective campaigns developed by the International Association of Fire Chiefs are the battery change campaign for smoke detectors and the home fire drills. The first is the "Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery Campaign." The focus of this campaign is to urge families with battery-operated and battery backup detectors to change the batteries when they change their clocks in April and October.

All the detectors in family housing quarters are powered by the house's electrical system yet have a battery backup. Therefore, residents should replace the battery the day they change their clocks.

The second campaign is to have families develop their own

fire escape plans and to rehearse them. Since 1998, this campaign has been directly responsible for saving many lives. This program is commonly referred to as "EDITH" for Exit Drills In The Home."

All residents should develop a fire plan of their home with a least two ways out of every room, to include using windows if necessary. Review the plan and escape routes with every member of your household and ensure it includes a meeting place outside your home, preferably in front, so parents can account for everyone.

One of the first items upon arriving at a fire is to determine if anyone is trapped inside. Knowing that someone is missing and who to look for helps us in our search and rescue efforts.

Once your plan is complete, hold a home fire drill at least twice a year and make it realistic.

Pretend that some escape routes are blocked by smoke or fire, and practice using alternative exits.

The fire department is available to assist residents, units and agencies in meeting their fire prevention needs. The firefighters have some excellent material to assist families in preventing fires in quarters and they are happy to show children the equipment.

We have one of the best fire departments in the Army in terms of equipment and the personnel that provide the services to our community. Oct. 8-14, the Fort Riley Fire Department will be participating in the National Fire Prevention Week Activities. This year's theme is "Prevent Cooking Fires, Watch What You Heat."

The fire department schedules support for unit and agency fire drills. If you want to conduct a fire drill for your facility, call and reserve a time. During this busy week, if you desire to tour the fire department, call 239-4257 to coordinate your tour.

Grunt By Wayne Udden



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'Dagger Brigade' brings passion to training

By Sgt. Zachary Shumway
2nd Bde., 91st Div., PAO

Training Military Transition Teams for deployment in Iraq is not a job for the faint of heart. It requires a special breed of battle-hardened veterans like Master Sgt. David Shindel.

Shindel is an Army Reservist and a two-time veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He volunteered for both OIF trips. "I volunteered for Desert Storm but wasn't able to go. I didn't want to miss my chance to fight in this one," he said.

During his time in Iraq, Shindel said he served on a Quick Reaction Force that provided internal and external security for U.S. forward operating bases.

He also escorted civil affairs personnel, reacted to insurgent attacks on U.S. positions and conducted patrols looking for improvised explosive device.

'Sarge' joins brigade to train Soldiers

After returning from his second deployment in 2005, Shindel joined the 2nd Brigade, 91st Division, known as the "Dagger Brigade," to train Soldiers headed to Iraq.

Being in a training brigade allowed him to "train the guys going to fight the next phase of the war," Shindel said.

Although the 91st Div. does not deploy en masse to theater, large portions of its Soldiers have already served at least one tour and the division deploys small teams of advisors. Shindel feels his having served in-theater makes all the difference to the Soldiers he trains.

Even though he has a job as a cook, Shindel feels the Soldiers react well to him because he has been in theater. "Having served in-theater validates me as a trainer in their eyes and they will listen to what I tell them because I have been there," Shindel said.

Shindel joined the "Dagger Brigade" at Fort Riley as it was setting up the MiTT mission in June.

Seasoned veterans like Shindel train U.S. transition teams on the fundamentals of teaching the Iraqi military and security forces how to operate. MiTT training immerses Soldiers, Airmen and Navy personnel in theater specific situations where they learn basic customs and language skills, combat reactions and other basic skills to prepare them for their deployment.

Shindel's day starts with a trip

to the ranges before the sun rises. "There isn't a lot of time for yourself in this job. The success of the teams I train in large part depends on me and what I can teach them. I go to all the training to make sure the transition teams are getting the training they need. I evaluate what it is that they do and show them what we learned in-theater works better," he said.

Shindel said in a somber voice, "It's a demanding job to be a MiTT trainer. It's hard on you, hard on the trainees and hard on your family."

Family supports desire to train others

Shindel said he hadn't spent much time at home in the past four years. "Between two year-long trips to Iraq and this six-month deployment to Fort Riley, I've been gone from home a lot. Still, my family is proud of me and understands the importance of the work I do," he said.

Although Shindel has been gone from home a lot, he is determined to support the war effort.

"I have volunteered to go back to Iraq on a MiTT team," Shindel said. He plans on going after the "Dagger Brigade's" mission at Fort Riley draws to a close in December 2006.



2nd Bde., 91st Div., Photo/Macleod
Master Sgt. David Shindel and other observer/controller trainers from 2nd Bde., 91st Div., observe the interactions between MiTT members and civilians on the battlefield during the MiTT's final exercise one of the urban clusters on Fort Riley.

"My job with the brigade largely depends on the battlefield experience that I have. The longer I am away from Iraq, the more it affects my ability to be an effective

trainer and prepare MiTT teams for what is going on in Iraq," he said firmly.

Sincere in his intent to return, Shindel said, "The Iraqi people

are learning what freedom is about and why they need to fight for it. We are making a difference over there and I want to continue to be part of that effort."

Courts-martial convict Soldiers

Staff report

Following results of recent courts-martial has been provided by the Fort Riley Staff Judge Advocate's Office.

On Sept. 18, Pvt. Steven Graft was tried at a Special Court-Martial and found guilty of one specification of writing bad checks.

The military judge sentenced him to be reduced to the grade of E1, to be confined for 45 days and to be discharged from the service with a Bad-Conduct Discharge.

On Sept. 22, Pvt. William Young was tried at a Special Court-Martial and found guilty of four specifications of being absent without leave, one specification of disrespect toward a noncommissioned officer, one specification of wrongful use of the drug ecstasy and one specification of wrongful use of marijuana.

The military judge sentenced him to be reduced to the grade of E1, to forfeit \$849 pay per month for six months, to be confined for six months and to be discharged from the service with a Bad-Conduct Discharge.

On Sept. 27, Spc. Darin Spencer was tried at a Special Court-Martial and found guilty of one specification of being absent without leave for 11 months.

The military judge sentenced him to be reduced to the grade of E1, to forfeit \$849 pay per month for six months, to be confined for six months and to be discharged from the service with a Bad-Conduct Discharge.

On Oct. 2, Pvt. Michelle Karajman was tried at a Special Court-Martial and found guilty of one

specification of being absent without leave, one specification of disrespect towards a superior commissioned officer, one specification of offering violence towards a commissioned officer, one specification of wrongful use of cocaine and one specification of wrongful use of marijuana.

The military judge sentenced her to be reduced to the grade of E1, to forfeit \$849 pay per month for eight months, to be confined for eight months and to be discharged from the service with a Bad-Conduct Discharge.

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E-mail chain creates avalanche of donations

By Sgt. Brian Anderson
49th PAD (Abn.)

A chain letter is a letter sent successively to several people. Circulation of a chain letter can increase its results in geometrical progression, as long as it is continued to be circulated by new recipients.

Some chain letters start as simple e-mails, and then progress into chain letters. Some chain letters are illegal, because they begin as a way to acquire personal gain. Others don't seek personal gain, but can reap huge benefits, as on Kansas National Guard major discovered.

Maj. Roger Aeschliman of the 2nd Battalion, 137th Infantry, Kansas National Guard, is chief of the Joint Visitor's Bureau, Multi-National Forces-Iraq. He found out the effects an email turned chain letter can have — first hand.

As a result of his weekly emails, more than \$300,000 in medical, hygiene and school supplies and toys have been donated to the town of Makasib, south of Baghdad.

"I started writing a weekly email back home on the first day of deployment ... I sent it home to my wife, and she in turn sent it to 50 or 60 relatives and friends," Aeschliman said. "Over the course of the last 10 months, the original 50 or 60 (people) received

my email has increased to a hundred, and those hundred send it on to five to 20 apiece. I have had third and fourth generation email response, so I know it has (spread pretty far)."

Aeschliman said he believes he has about 3,000 to 5,000 people reading his email now.

The Topeka resident said he would receive boxes of goodies from his readers, and when, in one of his weekly emails, he asked them to stop sending him packages, some of the readers became upset. He said they wanted to help out; they wanted to feel like they were a part of it all.

Aeschliman, after consulting his public works officer, sent out a weekly update with a list of supplies his readers could send to help Makasib. The list contained basic essentials for hygiene and medical needs and toys and school supplies for the children.

The response was immediate. "A lot of people started sending over postal boxes full of first aid products, over-the-counter medications, health care and hygiene products, and also toys, stuffed animals and soccer balls," Aeschliman said. "So far, it is about 112 total boxes, ranging from the small \$8 postage box up to some very large boxes that cost \$60 to \$70 to ship over."

The boxes received so far do not represent the extent of the donations. Four Rotary Clubs in



Cartons of supplies donated by friends, family and e-mail acquaintances are unloaded in Iraq. Project Rotary refers to Maj. Roger Aeschliman, a Kansas National Guardsman serving in Iraq, who asked relatives to help citizens in the nearby village.
49th PAD Photo

tongue depressors and other items found in medical clinics.

As of now, the equipment gathered by the Rotary Clubs has not been shipped. Aeschliman said it was too expensive to ship because of the size of the items. They are looking for alternate means of shipping the equipment, so the town of Makasib will have a hospital that can operate as a hospital.

Capt. Rob Stone, commander of Company C, 2nd Battalion, 137th Infantry, said the donations are not only good for the citizens of Makasib, but the gesture helps his Soldiers and will benefit the Soldiers who replace them in the near future.

"You can tell the citizens are thankful, and that goes a long way," Stone said. "This helps build stronger relations with the people of the town, which puts our Soldiers at a lower risk."

About 100 boxes of miscellaneous items have been dropped off in the town of Makasib and, as soon as a method of shipment becomes available, the Topeka Rotary Clubs will ship the remaining medical supplies.

If it weren't for the good nature of the people back home and the blessing of our commander, Col. James Traflet, none of this could happen, Aeschliman said. The support in Topeka and in Kansas is a good representation of how other towns and states could operate to help their Guardsmen.

Topeka wanted to help out in a bigger way and they asked what could be done.

Rotary Club members are known as Rotarians and are business and professional leaders who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world, according to Wikipedia.

Maria Wilson of the Topeka South Rotary Club wrote Aeschliman and said those small packages

are nice, but if the Rotary Club wanted to something helpful and meaningful, what would it be?

Aeschliman went back to his public works officer and asked what could be done on a larger scale.

"The medical clinic in Makasib had been looted ... they still had doctors and nurses coming in, but no medical equipment," Aeschliman said. "(The public works officer) provided a list of durable

and expendable medical goods that would be extremely useful. I sent the list back, and over a course of a week they agreed to make it happen."

Wilson said they gathered equipment from all over Kansas, including from the 190th Air Refueling Wing, Air National Guard.

Some of the equipment gathered included incinerators, sample incubators, suture kits, latex gloves, gowns, stethoscopes,

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Team seeks nominees

The Army recognizes that in time of war, all Americans are Soldiers for freedom. Active duty Soldiers respond to the call to duty in ways that binds to their service and guides their actions as guardians and defenders of freedom. Their service would not be possible, however, without a strong support network.

Freedom Team Salute recognizes those supporters who make it possible for Soldiers to serve their country. It provides all Soldiers – active duty, National Guardsmen and reservist – with the opportunity to recognize and honor parents, spouses and employers who make their service possible.

Freedom Team Salute also recognizes and honors veteran Soldiers of all generations for their legacy of freedom, duty and honor to the country and for their continued support of the Army mission.

Soldiers can log on to www.freedomteamsalute.com to nominate a spouse, parent, employer (for RC Soldiers) and a veteran to be honored by Freedom Team Salute.

Health fair scheduled

The 2007 Open Season Health Benefits Fair is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 30 in Riley's Conference Center.

FEHB Plan representatives will be on-site to answer questions, provide information and distribute open season health care packets.

Occupational Health representatives also will be on-site to give free blood pressure checks.

CIF laundry service offered

The laundry Drop Off/Pick Up Point for services provided by PENN Enterprises, Inc. is located at Building 229, the old commissary, on Custer Avenue. Hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Monday through Friday.

These services are offered to all military personnel for cleaning of most Central Issue Facility items and are turned around within three days.

When CIF items are cleaned using PENN's services, a clearing Soldier need only present their laundry receipt. In order to CIF to automatically accept the equipment.

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Joint Chiefs chairman talks untold stories

By Jim Garamone

AFPS

ALBUQUERQUE – At each stop during a visit in Albuquerque Oct. 4, people asked Marine Gen. Peter Pace what stories are not getting told to the American people about the war on terror.

In response, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff listed the three most significant stories from the war on terror that are not getting coverage.

Pace said one of the most significant aspects of the war not getting coverage is the enormous number of women going to school in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Taliban in Afghanistan forbade women from attending school. Now, almost 50 percent of the students are girls, he said.

"That's a huge change in attitude," he said. "It also speaks well of the potential of a nation, because I do not know how any nation aspires to greatness if it cuts itself off from one-half of its brain power."

A second story not getting the coverage it deserves deals with health care. The health care systems in Iraq and Afghanistan are getting better, the general said. "They are not great; it takes a long time to build a doctor, but medical facilities are being built, expatriate medical personnel are returning and a great deal is going on."

The chairman said an often-overlooked aspect of the war on terror is what it takes for Afghan and Iraqi leaders to step up to their countries' needs. "Americans do not fully appreciate the courage of the individuals who are striving to lead in Afghanistan and Iraq," Pace said. Afghan President Hamid Karzai and his government and Iraqi President Jalal Talibani and his government are working to build

systems in the face of tremendous opposition, he noted. They are also trying to emplace democratic systems in countries that have never had them, Pace said.

Pace said the reason many stories are not getting out has to do with the fact that news is a business.

"When the war first began, we had 24-hour coverage," he said. Anyone in America could see or read many aspects of operations in Afghanistan or Iraq.

Over time, because news is a business, "less and less of the resources go to the war in Iraq or Afghanistan," he said. On television, less time is devoted to airing stories about the war as other stories come up. In newspapers and magazines, fewer column inches are devoted to the war. Also, in both cases, the media send fewer reporters to cover the story.

"News is a business, and the networks go with stories that attract attention," he said during a lunchtime speech to the Kirtland Partnership Committee. "So the good news stories that might make it in a 24-hour, seven-day-a-week cycle might not make it in the 15-minute news cycle that the war has now. That's just a fact."

Pace said the military has to accommodate that fact. He said he has asked the military services to look at a program to allow servicemembers returning from Iraq, Afghanistan or the Horn of Africa to have a few extra days of administrative leave to speak to their fellow citizens.

"They wouldn't be scripted or coached," the chairman said. "(The servicemembers would) in their own words, explain their experiences to their fellow citizens – the good, the bad and the ugly. This will give their local hometown folks a flavor of what's going on."



2nd Bn., 16th Inf., Photo

Seen through a night vision scope, Co. D, 2nd Bn., 16th Inf., "Humvee" crews look downrange to spot targets while qualifying with the .50-caliber machine gun.

Heavy gunnery

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come out with a rating of not qualified, qualified, superior or distinguished – the top rating.

"Basically, we went out there and we ran through Tables 4 through 8, day and night fires," said Pfc. Christopher Premore, a gunner. "We went out and qualified all week, and then we did our final qualification on Tuesday. It was a whole lot of shootin'."

"I think the company rocked. This is the first time I ever ran through gunnery; it was awesome, just putting that many rounds down range," he said.

"In a high intensity conflict, I see a weapons platoon providing support by fire for a light company while they move," said Capt. Michael Jurick, Co. D's commander.

"In today's theater, everybody's motorized. You have guys that enter and clear rooms, but they get in and out of the fight on 'Humvees.' You see it on CNN;

they're in 'Humvees.' Mechanized units still use their Bradleys and tanks; ... Bradleys and tanks were never built for an urban environment, but the 'Humvees' obviously can be; they're more flexible," he said.

"The way I see us being used, in the event we were to go into current theater, is doing a lot of convoy operations, doing a lot of traffic control points and doing a lot of outer cordons."

"While the line guys are kicking in the doors and securing the buildings, we're the ones securing the perimeter."

"That's how I see us, because we have the vehicles, we have the guns, we have the firepower that we can provide them the flexibility as well, if we have to react," Jurick said.

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Pittard hypes MiTTs' value

By Sgt. Brian Anderson
49th PAD (Airborne)

"These transition teams, as we become even more successful with the Iraqi Security Forces, will ultimately allow us to withdraw some of our major units from Iraq, and we will keep a much lower profile," said Brig. Gen. Dana Pittard, commanding general, Iraq Assistance Group, Multi-National Corps-Iraq.

"Our large presence here causes many of the Iraqi people to feel like they are under an occupation. With a lower profile and less presence, I think that we will see more stability," he added.

Pittard oversees most of the transition teams throughout Iraq, and he said they are making a strong impact on the ISF.

"...our decisive effort is improving the capabilities and standing up the Iraqi security forces," he said. "If that is our decisive effort, then in fact, these transition teams, these small 11- to 15-man transition teams, are making a huge difference."

Transition teams are making a humongous difference. In 2005 there were only two Iraqi Army Divisions; today there are 10.

In Salaymanyia, the "Pale Horse" military transition team is training the 10th Iraqi Army Division by advising and developing them professionally and building their warfighting capabilities.

"(Pale horse) is focused on the brigade staff," said Capt. Roberto Gomez, executive officer, team "Pale Horse."

"We try to teach them U.S. procedures on how to do staff training, a lot of staff synchronization, training management and resource so the brigade staff can enable their battalions and their subordinate units to train and become a better force," he said.

Iraqi Lt. Col. Abus Hamsa Shafic, training officer, 3rd Brigade, 10th Iraqi Army Division, said they would not be where they are today without the help of team "Pale Horse."

"Third Brigade has made so much progress, and (Pale Horse) was very helpful in that," Shafic said. "We have increased our force by 65 percent since they arrived."

Shafic also said that everything they have worked on with the MiTT has been successful and that he is happy to have the opportunity to work with them.



Fort Lee PAO/Strasser

Above:
Spc. John Emmett, U.S. Army Europe, assists a casualty to a collection point during the Warrior Tasks and Battle Drills event Oct. 5 at the 2006 NCO/SOY "Best Warrior" Competition at Fort Lee, Va.

At left:
Sgt. 1st Class Jason H. Alexander, U.S. Army Forces Command, conducts advanced rifle marksmanship drills during the precombat inspections portion of the "Best Warrior" Competition Oct. 3.

Fort Lee PAO/Gomez

Army announces year's top Soldiers

USAREUR has top Soldier; unit in Kuwait has top noncommissioned officer

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth Preston named Spc. John Emmett and Sgt. 1st Class Jason Alexander Soldier and Noncommissioned Officer of the Year at the Association of the U.S. Army annual meeting Oct. 9.

The announcement follows the five-day Warrior Competition held at Fort Lee, Va., the preceding week.

Alexander serves with the 3rd Army Area Support Group in Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, and represented U.S. Army Forces Command.

Emmett serves with 21st Theater Support Command in Kaiserslautern, Germany, and represented U.S. Army Europe.

"These Soldiers — not only the winners, but all the competitors —

represent the best of what our Army has to offer," Preston said.

"They come from different backgrounds and different military occupational specialties, but this competition put them on an even field. Our Army needs flexible, adaptive leaders."

"Each one of them is a solid professional who is dedicated to defending the United States of America. As part of the Army team, they are all winners."

Performance in series of competitions determines best

The competition is based on a series of competitions through which winners advance to subsequent levels all the way to the final Army-wide competition.

Competition events ranged from urban warfare simulations and combat first aid to day and night urban orientation courses.

"It's a very dynamic competition and they expect a lot from you," Emmett said. "You need to be book smart and hands-on smart."

Alexander's key motivator was the desire to be a good role model for his Soldiers.

"I feel excellent, and I have a great respect and humility to the Soldiers I competed with," he said after the competition.

Preston said both Soldiers performed consistently well throughout the competition, achieving first place in most events.

Beyond bragging rights, the Soldier and Noncommissioned Officer of the Year will receive a variety of honors from military

associations and Army retirees. They also will make special appearances at events throughout the upcoming year, including January's All-American Bowl football game for top high school athletes.

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WWI Soldier's burial hammers home



Members of the Old Guard fold the flag over the casket of Pvt. Francis Lupo, a 1st Inf. Div. Soldier formerly listed as missing in action during WWI and finally laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery Sept. 26, three years after his remains were uncovered by an archeologist in France.



Members of the Old Guard present arms during funeral services Sept. 26 for Pvt. Francis Lupo, a 1st Inf. Div. Soldier whose remains were positively identified after two years of investigation by members of the Joint Prisoner of War/Missing-in-Action Command's Central Identification Laboratory at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii.



Members of the Old Guard place the casket of Pvt. Francis Lupo into a hearse after the chapel service Sept. 26 at Fort Myer, Va.



Guests observe the funeral of Pvt. Francis Lupo, Sept. 26 at Arlington National Cemetery. Attendees included 1st Inf. Div. Command Sgt. Maj. John D. Fourhman; Thomas G. Rhame and Gordon R. Sullivan, president and vice president of the Society of the First Infantry Division, respectively; and three French officers.

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commitment to leave no Soldier behind

By **Spc. Stephen Baack**
1st Inf. Div. PAO

ARLINGTON, Va. – The Army came one step closer to bringing home all its missing Soldiers last month and confirmed to the world that the United States never forgets its missing and fallen service-



1st Inf. Div./Baack

A United States flag hangs in the wind Sept. 25 next to the Washington Monument just outside Arlington National Cemetery where Pvt. Francis Lupo, a 1st Inf. Div. Soldier who was listed as missing in action during WWI, was buried the next day – 88 years after the supposed day of his death.

members.

Enter Pvt. Francis Lupo, a Soldier in Company E, 18th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, fighting in World War I.

Official records reported Lupo missing in action July 21, 1918, during the first French-American multi-divisional attack near Soissons, France. That operation would later come to be known as the Second Battle of the Marne.

No trace of Lupo could be found – until three years ago.

Fast forward 85 years to 2003. While working on a conservation project, a French archaeologist found human remains near the town of Ploisy south of Soissons.

The archaeologist turned the remains over to the U.S. Army Memorial Affairs Activity – Europe, which transferred them to a research team from the Joint Prisoner-of-War/Missing-in-Action Accounting Command.

that we had the opportunity to recover one of our own," said Division Command Sgt. Maj. John D. Fourhman.

"You can respectfully celebrate the recovery of his body and celebrate the contributions that he made to the division during his time, because he died in battle just over a year after the division was formed. So, it's very meaningful to the history of the division," he explained.

Private laid to rest in Arlington

Lupo was laid to rest Sept. 26 at Arlington National Cemetery near Washington, D.C., after a service at the Fort Myer Post Chapel. Niece Rachel Kleislinger, now 73, attended the burial and chapel services despite having never met her uncle Francis, who

died more than 15 years before she was born.

"My uncle died for his country doing what he felt was the right thing," said Kleislinger, whose family had talked little of Francis because the subject was too painful for her grandmother.

"I am proud of my uncle and honored to be here representing my family," she added.

Robert Callahan, vice president for the 18th Infantry Regiment Association and a member of the 18th's 2nd Battalion from 1966 to 1967, found out the news from the association's historian via email.

"I was surprised because the email stated that he was a World War I veteran, and I thought it was an error," said Callahan, who attended the funeral. "I emailed him back, told him I got the information and that he gave me the wrong era, the wrong war."

Callahan said he was quite sur-

prised when he discovered the message was actually correct, and he was gratified that someone had found a Soldier's remains.

"I think it gives [servicemembers] a sense of security knowing that if they do fall in battle, that they won't be left or forgotten about, that the military will take care of them," he added. "That's always good to know."

Fourhman: Good thing to know

"Every Soldier's important and every Soldier needs to know that they have the Army and the nation behind them," said Fourhman, who also attended the funeral. "This is a story that could only be told in the United States."

"To my knowledge and to my beliefs, the United States is the only one that aggressively pursues

recovering Soldiers lost in combat – especially 88 years later."

One Soldier now serving in the 18th Infantry Regiment who attended the funeral agrees.

"I think this hammers the point home that our Warrior Ethos are always carried out and no Soldier is left behind," said Sgt. Max Webster, a Bradley mechanic with Company D, 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, in Schweinfurt, Germany.

"From what I've seen here and the information we've been given, I feel that every means possible has been taken to find any Soldier that we've lost over the course of time," he said.

Lupo's name appears on the Tablets of the Missing at the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery in Belleau, France. He was awarded the Purple Heart and the WWI Victory Medal with three Battle Claps.

Investigation takes lab 2 years

After two years of investigation, JPAC researchers at the Central Identification Laboratory at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, concluded they were examining Lupo's remains.

That conclusion marked the first identification of a U.S. servicemember missing-in-action in World War I, according to the Pentagon's Prisoner-of-War/Missing Personnel Office, and it stands as a new chapter in "Big Red One" history.

"It's kind of a great news story

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Environmental classes slated

The Environmental Division, DPW has scheduled the following training courses for the month of October.

Environmental Team Training Refresher: This course is an annual refresher to the Environmental Team training course.

Class starts at 9 a.m. on Oct. 16 October, in Room 6, Building 407. The class lasts 2 ½ hours.

For more information or to enroll in this class, call 239-0446 or check with a battalion schools noncommissioned officer.

Applications sought by JAG

The Office of the Judge Advocate General is accepting applications for the Army's Funded Legal Education Program. Under this program, the Army projects sending up to 15 active duty commissioned officers to law school at government expense, if funding permits.

Selected officers will attend law school beginning in the fall of 2007 and will remain on active duty while attending law school.

Interested officers should contact the Fort Riley Staff Judge Advocate's Office at 239-2217 for more information.

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Fort Rucker military policeman SPC. Paul Klink and U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center's Rachel Provau participate in a traffic safety training video for the Army Traffic Safety Training Program.

Soldiers 'star' in safety video

By Michelle Owens
Fort Rucker Public Affairs

FORT RUCKER, Ala. (Army News Service) — It was, "lights, camera, action," for several Fort Rucker servicemembers Sept. 11-15 when the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center and Firehouse Pictures shot a training video for two new Army Traffic Safety Training Program courses.

The courses are installation-level classes. The advanced driver training is a refresher for service-members ages 18-26 who are not yet in supervisory roles, while the supervisor training is designed to help commanders and noncommissioned officers understand their roles in ensuring Soldiers and civilians get the safety training they need," he said.

IMA partnered with USACRC

Safety Training Program to provide the best training for our Soldiers," she said.

The advanced driver and supervisor safety videos, which are final classes in the traffic safety program, include footage of Fort Rucker commanders, military police and others, said IMA Safety Chief Mario Owens.

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to create an effective Army safety program. The USACRC receives and analyzes traffic accident information while IMA embeds the knowledge in the training materials, Owens said.

The training fulfills Department of Defense Instruction 6055.4 and Army Regulations 385-55 and 600-55 requirements to provide servicemembers defensive driving skills, information and training to operate vehicles safely.

"The traffic safety training program reinforces a positive outlook on driving," Loftus said. The program includes an online accident-avoidance course, hands-on motorcycle training and traffic safety classes.

Three basic classes fulfill the

DoD requirement that all military personnel under age 26 be given a minimum of four hours of traffic safety training.

The Army offers introductory courses during Advanced Individual Training; local hazard and intermediate courses are offered at Soldiers' first duty stations.

"These videos support the whole Army," Loftus said. "The USACRC appreciates the Fort Rucker units' help in producing this product. It's great that we can provide standardized training for Soldiers."

USACRC reports indicate 117 traffic accidents occurred in fiscal year 2006 — 17 fewer than in 2005. Owens said the updated safety training has decreased the number of accidents.

Prof's book examines Soviet military history

By Erinn Barcomb-Peterson
Kansas State University

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Russian historians often have underplayed the role of the military, and military historians often have ignored Russia altogether. But a new book by a Kansas State University professor sets out to change that.

David Stone, associate professor of history at K-State, has written "A Military History of Russia: From Ivan the Terrible to the War in Chechnya," published in August by Praeger Security International.

Stone said he was inspired to write the book because previous accounts of Russia's military history have not tied together the Russian empire, the Soviet Union and today's post-communist Russia.

Moreover, the story needs updating. Stone said there's been a considerable amount of research done since the fall of the Soviet Union because scholars have better access to sources and Russia's

Want to know more?

More information about "A Military History of Russia: From Ivan the Terrible to the War in Chechnya" is available at <http://www.greenwood.com/catalog/C8502.aspx>.

military history is relevant now.

"In the context of the war on terror, there's been a lot of talk about a supposed Western way of war; that Western societies fight in a particular way that gives them an overwhelming military advantage over non-Western societies," Stone said.

But Russia's military history undermines that idea, Stone said. It's an oversimplification that doesn't add up, in part because Russia is both a Western and non-Western society. And yet, despite its non-Western aspects, the Russian military has beaten Western militaries and has been beaten by non-Western ones.

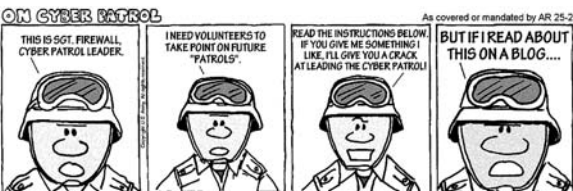
"The situation is a lot messier than any simple notion of Western vs. non-Western can capture," Stone said.

The military has no doubt played a large role in Russia's history, Stone said, in part because of Russia's geography and culture.

"Russia is a place that's long been cold and poor," Stone said. "To preserve itself without any natural barriers, Russian society has ended up militarizing for a lot of its history."

Yet Russian military history hasn't gotten its due. Part of this, Stone said, is because military historians here tend to focus on countries like the United States and Germany and don't look much beyond North America and Western Europe. The scholars who write about Russia often leave out its military, he said.

"In this book, I wanted to bring Russian military history to an audience that isn't familiar with it," Stone said. "It's a complicated story. I think a lot of the simple stories we've heard — the idea that Russia wins wars because it snows — aren't right. It's a lot more complicated than that."



Contest seeks ideas

Cyber Patrol promotes information assurance

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — In a contest running now through Nov. 27, the Office of the Army Chief Information Officer/G6 is seeking ideas on information assurance to feature in On Cyber Patrol, a series of cartoons and articles that reinforce IA's importance to the success and safety of today's Soldiers.

The contest is open to active duty and reserve component Soldiers, civilian employees and sup-

porting contractors.

Entries should include a 500-word description of an idea — with examples — on how to keep Army networks, communications and information secure.

Subjects include security issues, social engineering attempts, localized policies and procedures that augment Army regulations and the equivalent of cyber Darwin Awards.

The winner will have his or her likeness and idea featured in January's OCP cartoon. Individuals

may submit multiple entries in separate e-mails. All material must be unclassified.

Entries must include a brief IA-centric biography and will become the property of the OCP team. If non-winning ideas are used for future cartoons or articles, the contest contributor will be acknowledged.

Entries with the participant's name, rank and unit should be e-mailed by 6 p.m. Nov. 27 to oncyberpatrol@hqda.army.mil with "OCP Contest" in the subject line.

Transformer movie crew invades Pentagon, airspace

By Tom Mani
MDW Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Soldiers of the Military District of Washington's 12th Aviation Battalion helped save the world from intergalactic robotic warfare Oct. 1.

The Soldiers were creating scenes at the Pentagon for "Transformers," a movie based on the popular toy by the same name.

The movie is scheduled for release July 4, 2007, and will portray all branches of the armed forces.

The movie already has the rapt interest of Transformers fans, according to Lt. Col. Paul Sinor, Army Public Affairs entertainment industry liaison officer, who noted that Internet traffic on the movie's Web site — www.transformersthemovie.com — briefly crippled the studios' servers when chatroom discussions were added earlier this year.

The military is cooperating with the commercial endeavor, but taxpayers are not underwriting the venture. All bills go to the DreamWorks/Paramount consortium that is putting together what they hope to be next summer's blockbuster.

The local military helped coordinate permissions needed for shooting in the national capital's restricted air space, Sinor added.

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Free auto skills class offered

The Fort Riley Automotive Skills Center on Custer Hill will offer a free basic auto repair class from 6 to 7 p.m. Oct. 19.

For more information, call the Auto Skills Center at 239-9764.

Church invites families for chili

The congregation of historic St. Paul's Lutheran Church are inviting Fort Riley Soldiers and families to a chili feed from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 28. The church is located 4 miles south of Junction City, 3/4 mile south of Kansas Highway 57 on Clark's Creek Road.

The congregation will also be serving hot dogs, pies and cakes for a free will donation.

Post sets 'treating' hours

Trick or treating will be allowed until 8 p.m. Oct. 31 on Fort Riley.

The Fort Riley Operations Center will sound the post sirens at 8 p.m. on Oct. 31 to signal the end of the sanctioned "Trick or Treat" period.

BOSS sponsors haunted house

The annual fun and fright nights at the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers haunted house will be 7 to 10 p.m. Oct. 28-31.

Admission is \$4.

The haunted house will be set up in the basement of Building 211, behind the U.S. Cavalry Museum.

For more information, call 239-8147.

Fort Riley sets post-wide sale

The public is invited to help Fort Riley residents clean out their garages and closets during the fall post-wide yard sale beginning at 8 a.m. Oct. 21.

Anyone driving a vehicle without a Department of Defense registration sticker must provide gate guards with photos IDs of all adults in the vehicle, a valid vehicle registration and proof of insurance coverage.

Activities planned for waiting families

A family fun Octoberfest is being planned for waiting families from 1 to 5 p.m. Oct. 21 in the Soldier and Family Support Center, Building 7264, on Custer Hill.

Waiting families are those families whose sponsors are stationed elsewhere, such as for short overseas tours or long-term schools.

Waiting families are invited to join in Octoberfest for music, food, games and contests.

Call 239-9435 to register.

Stay In Step with Fort Riley

See what's happening on Fort Riley cable Channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Return to Oz



Citizens of Munchkinland crowd around Dorothy, played by military spouse Leah Kazaglis, and Toto to get a close look at the Kansas girl who killed the Wicked Witch of the East. The Columbian Theatre musical production of the "Wizard of Oz" plays every weekend in October.

Military spouse hits yellow brick road

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

An Fort Riley Army spouse reprises her starring role as Dorothy in the Columbian Theatre's musical stage production of the "Wizard of Oz" this month. This year, Leah Kazaglis is joined in the show by 5 1/2-year-old daughter Alexandra, who plays one of the three Munchkins belonging to the Lullaby League.

Alexandra and her younger sister were so enthralled with mommy being Dorothy

last year that they both pretended to be Dorothy a lot and were Dorothy for Halloween, mommy beamed.

Being on stage is nothing new to the daughter of a professional opera singer. Kazaglis began taking voice lessons from her mother at an early age and has been playing the piano since she was 6.

She appeared in the choruses of several high school and college productions, including "Grease," "Auntie Mame," "The Mikado," "HMS Pinafore" and "The Gondoliers." She was a member of the Gilbert

and Sullivan Society.

Marriage to an Army doctor, a tour of duty in Germany, four subsequent years in San Antonio, Texas, and motherhood kept Kazaglis from the stage for several years, Kazaglis said. But, after seeing one performance at the Columbian Theatre and learning about auditions for the "Wizard of Oz" last year changed that.

For Kazaglis, it was an opportunity to get back on stage and to claim the spotlight

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JROTC team heads to Va. JCHS cadets attend leadership symposium

Special to the Post

FORT MONROE, Va. — A team of four Junior ROTC cadets from Junction City High School is one of 36 chosen to attend the second annual George C. Marshall Junior ROTC Leadership Symposium on the campuses of Virginia Military Institute and Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va., Oct. 12-14.

The JCHS Junior ROTC team includes Jacquelyn Apodaca, Christopher Dirks, Robin Henderson and Henry Huguley.

Their accomplishments include participation in various school and community organizations and activities, such as Kansas Boys' State, Rotary Club Youth Leadership Camp, Junction City Youth Court, Junction City Youth Council, Catholic Youth Organization, various sports and Junior ROTC drill teams.

They have excelled scholastically while being involved in these extracurricular activities.

The 144 Junior ROTC cadets participating in symposium activities

will represent almost 277,000 students presently enrolled in 1,645 Junior ROTC units throughout the United States and overseas where U.S. military are stationed.

The U.S. Army Cadet Command, headquartered at Fort Monroe, Va., will host the event with the George C. Marshall Foundation in Lexington.

The theme of this year's symposium is "The George C. Marshall Principles of Leadership — How They Apply to My Junior ROTC Unit, School, Community and Life."

George C. Marshall, the symposium's namesake, was the top cadet leader at VMI during his senior year and began his distinguished Army career after being commissioned a second lieutenant in 1902. He served in both world wars, most notably as chief of staff of the Army in World War II.

After the war, he served as secretary of state and then as secretary of defense during the Korean War. He is perhaps best known for developing the Marshall Plan, which ensured the economic

recovery of war-devastated Europe. For this work, Marshall became the first career Soldier to win the Nobel Peace Prize.

Symposium organizers use his selfless service and leadership as an example for participating cadets.

Because there were so few slots available for the symposium, Junior ROTC instructors nominated only those cadets who went above and beyond school and program requirements for excellence in leadership and community service.

Besides hearing from prominent leaders during interactive presentations that sometimes put them in leadership roles, participants will tour several local attractions. Each will earn one college credit hour in leadership and community service.

Junior ROTC has a mission to motivate young people to be better citizens by teaching leadership skills and encouraging community service. It is not a recruiting tool for the Army and is open to all students in high schools that have a program.

AAFES gift cards work 'three times harder'

AAFES

DALLAS — Americans love gift cards. In fact, industry analysts say that nationwide sales of gift cards doubled over the past five years and are expected to hit \$72.8 billion in 2006.

As usual, military families are right in step with their civilian counterparts, steadily increasing their demand for convenient Army and Air Force Exchange Service gift cards.

From the purchaser, to the recipient, to military Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs that ultimately benefit from exchange patronage, AAFES gift cards meet the entire military community's needs.

"I like to say that our gift cards work three times harder than any other," said AAFES Senior Enlisted Advisor Chief Master Sgt. Bryan Eaton.

"They not only make purchases easy, but also ensure the recipient gets exactly what he or she wants at the best possible price while generating much needed

revenue for MWR programs," he added. "The bottom line is that all gift cards are not created equal."

While other cards may look similar to AAFES', there can be differences in fees and expiration dates.

In fact, the FDIC advises that some outlets charge for purchasing or even using their gift cards, while others impose expiration dates on use.

AAFES limits military families' potential for risk with gift cards that never expire and are only subject to a small \$2 monthly fee after 24 consecutive months of non-use.

The patriotically inspired cards, available in red, white and blue, can be used the same as cash at AAFES facilities around the world.

To find out more about the AAFES gift card, see any cashier, log on to aafes.com or call (888) 481-1550.

Post newspaper sponsors student essay contest

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

Fort Riley's newspaper staff is sponsoring an essay contest for students in fifth through eighth grades in post schools.

The contest is being conducted in conjunction with National Mil-

itary Family Week Nov. 13-17.

Writers should compose an essay of no more than 300 words expressing their opinions about the value of the military family.

Submissions can be hand-written, typed or created on a computer. They must be submitted to the Fort Riley Public Affairs Office, Building 405 on Main Post,

before close of business Nov. 3. Submissions can be mailed to Editor of the Post, Public Affairs Office, 405 Pershing, Fort Riley, KS 66442; delivered in person or sent via e-mail to mike.heronemus@riley.army.mil.

Mailed entries must arrive in the PAO by Nov. 3.

Each entry must contain the

writer's full name, school, grade and home phone number.

The first- and second-place winners in each class will have their photos taken and printed with their essays in issues of the Post, beginning with eighth-graders Nov. 9 and continuing with seventh-graders Nov. 17,

sixth-graders Nov. 22 and fifth-graders Dec. 1.

Photos will most likely be taken at the student's school after coordination with his or her parents.

Mike Heronemus can be contacted at mike.heronemus@riley.army.mil or 239-8854.





Community news briefly

Society sponsors ghost tours

The Historical and Archaeological Society of Fort Riley invites military and civilian residents on and off post to their 11th annual Ghost Tours on Oct. 29.

One and a half to 2-mile spooky walking tours will start at 4 p.m. at the Custer House. The last tour starts at 7 p.m. Cost for tickets is \$1 for anyone 13 and older.

Family Readiness Group-sponsored food booths will provide fall foods for purchase. Walking tours will feature storytellers sharing ghostly happenings throughout the historic buildings and sites around Main Post.

Ghostess Patti Walker is still looking for tour guides, story tellers, hospitality crew members and alternate FRG food vendors. All Main Post residents living in historic "haunted quarters" are encouraged to report spooky events happening in their homes.

For more information, visit ghosttour1@yahoo.com on the Web.

Bible groups meet on post

Anyone interested in finding or starting a Bible study group in their neighborhood can contact Lt. Col. Eric and Cindy Wesley at 717-2330 or Capt. William and Sarah Arnett at (785) 539-4708.

Some study groups already meet on Main Post at 7:30 p.m. Mondays and 7 p.m. Wednesdays, on Custer Hill at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and in Ogden and Manhattan at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

A female officers study group meets at 11:45 a.m. Tuesdays in the basement conference room in Building 212. Call the Wesleys or Arnetts for specific locations where groups meet.

Spouses' club plans shindig

Officers' and Civilians' Spouses' Club members and their spouses are invited to mosey on in to "Dodge City: A Night in the Old West" from 6 to 11 p.m. Oct. 13 in the old self-help building (289) on Main Post.

The club is planning a routine 'tootin' evening full of western games, food, drink and fun. Dinner will be available to purchase before the games begin. Tickets for the event can be bought at the door for \$20.

Ticket purchase gets the bearer a 1st Infantry Division souvenir cup, \$25 in game chips and an endless beverage of your choice, not to mention all the Old West fun you can handle in one night.

Those who wish to join the club should call Chrissy Pribyla at 717-3008 or send e-mail to chrissypribyla@charter.net.

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The executive director of Topeka's Ronald McDonald House shares information about the organization at the 2006 Combined Federal Campaign kickoff Oct. 5 at Riley's.

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who introduced Ham at the kickoff, said the campaign is a way to help those less fortunate.

"I think we all recognize that, for the most part, life's been pretty good to us," Smith said. "So we have an opportunity today to reach out and maybe help someone who doesn't have such a good opportunity."

Representatives of several charities were on hand at the kickoff to show CFC representatives just where donations are used. Kansas Air National Guard Lt. Col. Tony DeJesus was at Riley's to represent the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northeast Kansas.

DeJesus, a board member for the group, said that most people in need don't go around advertising the fact that they need money or housing. Instead they quietly get help from charities, such as the

Ronald McDonald House, a charity that provides housing to families during hospital stays.

Topeka's Ronald McDonald House has helped many Fort Riley families, DeJesus said. He shared a story with those gathered of a Fort Riley Soldier who didn't think he was going to be able to stay with his wife who was having pregnancy complications. The doctors told them to stay in the Topeka area, and thanks to the Ronald McDonald House they were able to.

"Giving to charity is like spreading manure," DeJesus said. "It helps things grow."

Fort Riley far exceeded last year's CFC goal of \$150,000 by donating more than \$175,000. All in all, federal employees donated more than \$268 million through the CFC in 2005.

CFC Charities

The following is a list of some of the local charities listed in the 2006 Combined Federal Campaign donation booklet.

For more information on these charities and others or to find out more about donating to the 2006 CFC, visit www.cfc-ansas.org or contact individual unit or organization CFC representatives.

Charity information was compiled from organization Web sites.

American Cancer Society (code 5001)

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service.

The American Cancer Society is one of the oldest and largest voluntary health agencies in the United States. The American Cancer Society, Inc. consists of a National Home Office with 13 chartered Divisions throughout the United States and a presence in most communities.

Phone: (785) 273-4422
Web site: www.cancer.org

American Red Cross-Kansas Capital Area Chapter (code 5002)

The American Red Cross is a humanitarian organization, led by volunteers, that provides relief to victims of disasters and helps people prevent, prepare

for and respond to emergencies.

The Kansas Capital Area Chapter serves Chase, Coffey, Fort Riley, Geary, Jackson, Jefferson, Marshall, Nemaha, Osage, Pottawatomie, Riley, Shawnee, Wabaunsee and Washington Counties.

Phone: (785) 234-0568
Web site: www.topekaredcross.org

Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Topeka, Inc. (code 5004)

Big Brothers and Big Sisters specializes in professionally supported one-to-one mentoring relationships. The children in BB/BS programs are between the ages of 6 and 14 and want to be matched to a Big Brother, Big Sister or Big Couple.

Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Topeka serves Shawnee, Osage, Jackson, Jefferson and Pottawatomie Counties.

Phone: (785) 234-5524
Web site: www.bbbsstopeka.org

Boys & Girls Clubs of Topeka (code 5006)

Boys & Girls Clubs of Topeka is an organization consisting of six club facilities in Topeka, Auburn, Overbrook and Emporia. The organization's goal is to provide every child with the essential tools needed for a successful and bright future.

Club programs and services promote and enhance the development of boys and girls by instilling a sense of competence, usefulness, belonging and influence.

Phone: (785) 232-5699
Web site: www.bgctopeka.com

In the company of women

By Carolyn Burch-Menzies
Contributing columnist

It finally happened, suddenly and somewhat unexpectedly. We got a house on Fort Riley, and it no time at all I discovered I was finally living the Army life as an Army wife on an Army post.

Settling onto this post, into this older housing on these old, old hills of Kansas territory reminded me of how many women have come before me and probably felt just as I do. It is a long tradition of women and children and military families living not just beside their men but, as I am now beginning to understand it, living beside women in your same sort of boat.

And it is a whole different world from the one that lives just outside our stone gates.

For instance, I thought it was interesting that the same week that we were moving in and going through all our family turmoils and turbulence, the new commanding general, Maj. Gen. Carter Ham, and his wife were moving into their new home on post as well. As high-ranking as they are, they live in post housing just as we do. Better quarters perhaps, but still owned by the government, just like ours.

Right before we moved, my invitation came to attend the welcome for this dear new lady and for the assistant division commander's wife, the chief of staff's wife and the division command sergeant major's wife.

It would be held two days after our wedding and three days after our move.

I made the mark on my mobile calendar to go, because I think that where there are illuminating people to see, one might be able to learn something and see something new. So, on the morning of the brunch, I put a little oil in my old car, then first went to Wal-Mart (because I couldn't yet find any clothing to wear and was reasonably sure we wouldn't turn

About the author

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up in the same outfit that way), then continued on to the brunch at Riley's in the pouring rain to see these ladies who were new to our post, all distinguished Army wives with many such moves as I had just made behind them.

"Will I actually meet her?" I had asked my husband the night before in the dark from our mattress on the floor (our bed wasn't assembled yet).

"Yes, and it's important that if you do, you kiss her ring and curtsy properly on the red carpet," he said with a wicked laugh that let me know he was teasing.

"Seriously, what on earth do you say to the first lady of the post? It's like being presented to the Queen of England or something. I'm kind of nervous. What if she's read my column and hates it or something?"

"Ask her if the toilet works in her quarters," he said as he jiggled the handle on ours, and then quickly added, "I'm just kidding; you better not ask her that. I mean it."

I only knew a handful of people at the welcoming brunch, but I was oh so glad I went anyway. I met some ladies who were awesome, Superwomen, all of them.

I grew really nervous when I saw there really was a red carpet. I hoped my husband had been joking about the whole ring thing. Fortunately no one else seemed to be curtsy-ing, so I was OK.

Some wonderful displays were set up for each of the ladies with a book for the guests to sign and

welcome them with a short note and signature, and then each little table had a display of their children, where they had been in life, what their hobbies were, a few favorite things, that sort of stuff.

It was really neat because from that you got a sense that these were women just like you and me and not just the personalities you see standing behind or beside their men at events. And it was such a close and personal way to perceive them. I felt privileged to have been able to get a feeling for each of them.

After the receiving line had been over for a while, I saw the ladies milling about by themselves and I worked up my courage when I saw Mrs. Ham by herself beside the strawberries. It may have been a bit bold for my own standing, but I went over and joked with her about her quarters, about trading them for mine.

She joked back and asked where mine were, so I told her, and then I told her how we'd both gotten quarters at the same time and asked if she was unpacked yet, joking about how much more efficient than me she must be.

She was kind and sweet and witty and sharp as a tack. Just minutes later she made a speech, and one of the things she said in her short and amazingly unprepared talk was that she and the other ladies felt so welcomed and that if there were no other get-togethers for them collectively

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as the lead player.

"I love being on the stage," Kazaglis almost gushed. The diminutive woman with a smile that almost continually brightens her face and a voice that easily fills the Columbian Theatre seems perfect for her role as Dorothy, and she handles the flying and Toto with the skill of any professional actor.

"I do love the flying," she said almost immediately when thinking about her favorite parts of the show. In the tornado scene, she grabs hold of a porch post when the wind begins to blow and lift her legs straight out behind her.

But that's not the flying she's talking about enjoying so much. Suddenly, the tornado appears and Dorothy is jerked quickly into the air, high above the farm house, and whirled from side to side.

That's the flying she loves, but the shocked look on her face belies the fact she expected to be yanked high off the floor and flung from one side of the stage to another.

When the storm ends, Dorothy finds she and Toto are no longer in Kansas.

Last year's cast included a Yorkshire terrier who had been in the show three times before and in many other stage productions. As

a veteran, that Toto handled his role calmly, Kazaglis recalled. He rarely got excited or was hard to handle.

This year's Toto is a 5-month-old Cairn terrier new to the stage and all the activity. He's a little harder to handle, Kazaglis admits, but he adds his own personality to some of the scenes, like when he steals the hot dog being cooked by Professor Marvel, played by retired Command Sgt. Maj. Brian Wells.

"There are lots of wonderful moments" in the show, Kazaglis said as she thinks about the ones she likes most. "I love the scene when I meet the Scarecrow. I love all the scenes when I meet the Tin Man and the Lion," she said.

"And I love it every time the Wicked Witch comes flying in. It's always a surprise," Kazaglis continued.

As a grownup, some of the movie scenes aren't as scary for Kazaglis as they were when she was a child. "I remember watching the movie every year," she said, "and being terrified when the witch's face appeared in the globe."

Her first and second experiences with community theater have been very rewarding, Kazaglis said.

"Tim (Aikert, the director) gives us all a lot of liberty to show our stuff," she said. "The rest of the cast and crew are superb. It's a very close-knit group."

Meeting the audience, especially the kids in the audience, after the show has even been a rewarding experience for Kazaglis.

"They know the movie so well, they'll tell me, 'Dorothy didn't say it that way.' One little girl knew everything about Dorothy. She asked me why I wasn't wearing blue socks, because Dorothy in the movie wore blue socks."

So, will Kazaglis be wearing blue socks when she plays Dorothy this year?

Someone will have to find out.

Mike Heronemus can be contacted at mike.heronemus@riley.army.mil or 239-8854.

If you go:

What: "Wizard of Oz." It will feature six of the original *Marchkins* from the movie for productions during the city's *Octoberfest* Oct. 20-22.

When: Oct. 13-15, Oct. 19-22 and Oct. 26-29. Dinner is served at 6 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and at 12:30 p.m. Sunday. Shows start at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

Where: The famed Columbian Theatre in Wamego, Kan.

Admission: Show costs \$20 for adults, \$10 for children, except on *Octoberfest* weekend when tickets range from \$20 to \$50, depending on seat location. Dinner costs \$17.25 for adults and \$10.75 for children.

Phone: (785) 456-2029 or (800) 899-1893

Web site: www.columbiantheatre.com



Post/Heronemus

"Are you a good witch or a bad witch," asks Glinda, the Good Witch of the North, played by Stephanie Stewart. Dorothy, played by military spouse Leah Kazaglis, and Toto have discovered that a tornado has deposited them somewhere other than Kansas in the Columbian Theatre's musical production of "The Wizard of Oz."

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Dorothy, played by military spouse Leah Kazaglis, listens as the Scarecrow, played by Drew Horton, laments about his lack of brains.



Show entertains with new, old tunes

By Anna Morelock
Staff writer

The Beatles, Shakira and Johnny Cash all came together at Kansas State University's McCain Auditorium Oct. 3 and 4, but it wasn't the artists themselves who made a big hit with the audience. Songs by each of the artists and many others made up the 2006 Soldier Show, "Reveille: Answering the Call," which highlighted the Soldier cast and the reason

each joined the Army. The show opened with the Soldiers facing away from the audience. One by one they did an about face, telling the audience why they joined. Spc. Maceo Keeling said he joined for direction; Spc. Elizabeth Graham said she needed to change and grow. From there the music picked up, swinging into country mode with Little Big Town's "Boondocks" and Johnny Cash's "Walk the Line" receiving plenty of

cheering and applause from the audience. Some audience members even felt the need to add their voices to the mix. Besides country, the Soldiers sang songs made popular by the Beatles, Cyndi Lauper, The Commodores and the Gorillaz. One of the funniest renditions of the night began in front of a tent backdrop with a "deployed" Soldier complaining about his wife spending all his money. "You just got paid; you need to get to the PX before she does," one of his buddies suggested

before bursting into a very high energy version of N'SYNC's "Just Got Paid." Like that scene, many depicted events in Soldier's lives: one getting married, another missing a deployed spouse. Other scenes were just for fun. "With a show like this, a lot of it has to say something, but not all of it has to say something because at the end of the day we also have to entertain," said Soldier Show Director Victor Hurtado in a release from the Army Community and Family Support Center.

"Not every scene is going to start with the story of a Soldier. Sections of the show are just about new music or having a good time or just about fun." The strong voices and performance talent on the stage came from active duty and reserve Soldiers from throughout the United States and abroad. Quite a few of the Soldiers previously participated in the Army's Margaret "Skippy" Lynn Stars of Tomorrow Talent Contest or the Military Idol competition. By the time the six-month

show comes to an end, the talented performers will have traveled more than 50,000 miles by bus, truck and plane, visited 55 locations and performed 109 times. For those who didn't catch the show here, the Soldiers will be singing their way through Nov. 12 at various other posts around the States. To find out more about the show or where to catch a performance, visit www.armymwr.com. Anna Morelock can be contacted at anna.morelock@riley.army.mil or 239-3032.



Post/Morelock
Spc. Maceo Keeling, Pfc. Jong-Baek Yoon and Spc. Lucky Tagalao sing "Feel Good Inc" by the Gorillaz during the 2006 Soldier Show at McCain Auditorium.



Post/Morelock
First Lt. Alisha Vaughn and Spc. Nina Kazibwe look on in horror as Sgt. Geno Nash shows off his "coolest" dance moves for them during the 2006 Soldier Show at McCain Auditorium Oct. 3.

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the whole time they were at Fort Riley, this one would suffice because they had been made to feel so welcome by it and by the outpouring of friendship from the community. She said that with a range of women gathered that varied from civilian through all military ranks. While the differences in our paychecks may be different, there are some basic things that are the same on some levels. That women at Fort Riley have been gathering for more than 100 years, sometimes for picnics, sometimes for coffees, sometimes to hold each other's hands at the losses or the welcoming back of each other's Soldiers or the births of their children.

This is a tradition, this getting together of women, she pointed out, no matter how or where it is carried out. I stood in the back of the room near her book, which I had just signed, still aglow from having talked with the lady and having had my picture taken with her and hearing her speech, knowing she, too, has sent her man off to deployments, just as many of us have, while she stayed home. She, too, has comforted her children when they had to leave or be left by friends whose parents PCS'd from the neighborhood and made uncomfortable transitions away from her own friends to new ones and into

unfamiliar and sometimes unwelcome territory. She, too, has done the cross-continental e-mail thing, done the move-the-house-alone/ hook-up-all-the-utilities thing, the "ma'am-I-can't-unplug-this-lamp-you-need-to-do-it" thing. Probably she, too, has opened

some box or other and gone, "dammit! I should have put that one in the car myself," and stifled tears some night over why on earth this man of hers just had to be in the Army. Most assuredly she has learned the lesson I learned the first day in my new neighborhood about what it is to be a part of the mili-

tary housing community of women. That was when my new neighbors saw the movers drop three boxes off the back of the truck and two of them, fully in the process of their own moves and not knowing me from Adam, came over to commiserate with me and tell me how to fill out a claim form and what to do about

it over coffee. One of them even yelled at the movers for me when they dropped my cedar chest down stairs and it was clear that I was too mild-mannered to do it myself. I fell so instantly welcome in my new block. I think I am going to like it here.

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IACH to hold shoe clinic

Irwin Army Community Hospital's Physical Therapy clinic will conduct a running shoe clinic at the PX from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 14. Staff from the clinic will be available to assess foot type and running style in order to make recommendations about appropriate shoe choices. All military beneficiaries are welcome to come by.

ITR offers Chiefs tickets

The Fort Riley Information, Ticketing and Registration Office has tickets for several Kansas City Chiefs home football games.

Tickets for the game and coach bus transportation to each game are \$70 and \$85.

Tickets are available for the game against the San Diego Chargers Oct. 22 and the Seattle Seahawks Oct. 29.

ITR is located across the parking lot from the Main PX. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

For more information, call 239-5614.

Outdoor sets seasonal hours

The Fort Riley Outdoor Recreation Center changed its hours of operation for fall and winter. It will be closed Sunday and Monday and open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Field house activities listed

Oct. 13 – 9 a.m., Turbo Kick; 12:15 p.m., Target Tone; 6 p.m., Cardio Kickboxing
Oct. 16 – 9 a.m., Spinning
Oct. 16 – 12:15 to 12:45 p.m., Target Tone

Oct. 16 – 6 p.m., Cardio Pump-Step Aerobics
Oct. 17 – noon, Hip Hop Aerobics

Oct. 17 – 6 p.m., Spinning
Oct. 18 – Turbo Kick
Oct. 19 – 6:30 a.m., Spinning

Oct. 19 – 9 a.m., Spinning
Oct. 19 – noon, Hip Hop Aerobics

Oct. 20 – 9 a.m., Turbo Kick
Oct. 20 – 12:15 p.m., Target Tone

Oct. 20 – 6 p.m., Cardio Kickboxing
For more information, call 239-2813.

Aikido classes offered

Aikido instruction will be offered by Daniel Hayes from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays in Long Fitness Center on Custer Hill.

All Soldiers and Department of Defense family members 18 and older can participate.

For more information, call Sgt. William Kinsman at 239-5716 or staff members at King Field House or send e-mail to william.kinsman@riley.army.mil.

Martin, Smith to co-drive Army No. 01

Army News Service

MOORESVILLE, N.C. – MB2 Motorsports announced Oct. 6 that NASCAR icon Mark Martin and rookie Regan Smith will co-drive the team's No. 01 U.S. Army Chevrolet during the 2007 Nextel Cup season.

Joe Nemecek, the current driver of the Army Chevy, will pilot a third MB2 entry in 2007 that

will carry the number 13; the sponsorship will be announced at a later date. Sterling Marlin will continue to drive the No. 14 MB2 Chevrolet.

Martin, who will be leaving his longtime ride with Roush Racing after the 2006 season, signed a multiyear contract with MB2. The agreement calls for Martin to drive the 01 Army car in 20 Nextel Cup races in 2007 plus the Bud Shootout (Daytona, Feb. 10) and

the Nextel All Star Challenge (Charlotte, May 19). Martin's first points race will be the Daytona 500, Feb. 18.

Smith will drive the Army car in the remaining 16 Cup point races and drive an MB2 car in the NASCAR Busch Series.

Along with driving in 22 races in 2007, Martin's extended role with MB2 will be a mentor to the 23-year-old Smith and to MB2's development drivers.

"Our goal at MB2 is to reach a new level, and with Mark joining our organization it not only elevates our presence, but his knowledge and credibility will also be a viable asset to all of our race teams," said team owner Bobby Ginn (pronounced GHIN).

"While Mark brings a wealth of experience to MB2, we are also thrilled with the acquisition of Regan," Ginn added. "He's eager, talented and will be groomed by

one of NASCAR's greatest drivers of all time."

Martin, who is currently third in the Chase for the Nextel Cup championship points battle, feels his new role with MB2 offers him an excellent opportunity for doing what he enjoys most, and that is to compete as a driver and serve as a mentor.

"Joining MB2 is a win-win situation."

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Army 10-Miler



A field of 16,676 starts the 22nd Army 10-Miler, America's largest 10-mile road race that begins and ends at the Pentagon. There were 15,134 official finishers in the Oct. 8 running of the event.

Injured Soldiers run race

GWOT vets remain positive, accept 10-miler challenge

By Gerry J. Gilmore

AFPS

WASHINGTON – Two Army combat veterans who both lost something dear in the war against terrorism said they are determined to keep on battling, and proved it as they prepared to run the Army 10-Miler race Oct. 8.

In December 2005, Spc. James Stuck was wounded by an improvised explosive device blast in Kirkuk, Iraq. His right leg was later amputated at mid-shin.

Spc. Joseph Keck, an Afghanistan veteran, lost his left arm just below his elbow after being injured in an IED explosion near Kandahar in July.

Yet, Stuck and Keck are upbeat as they continue to recover from their wounds. They also ran in the Army 10-Miler race as members of the Missing Parts in Action team from Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

The two Soldiers related their experiences during an Army 10-Miler press conference Oct. 6 at a local suburban hotel.

"I went skiing five weeks after I'd lost my leg," Stuck, a 22-year-old from Pittsburgh, recalled. "So, it just shows what you can accomplish." He has also taken up kayaking and snowboarding since he was injured.

Noting he's come a long way since being injured, Stuck said his goal at the 10-Miler was "to just finish the race."

Stuck attributed his rapid recovery to being able to come to terms with his condition and the adoption of a positive outlook.

"Hey, I'm lucky to be alive," Stuck

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Harvey 1st four-time winner at 59 minutes

By Tim Hipps

Army News Service



Fort Riley PAO/Blackmon
Sgt. 1st Class Davina Goins of the Fort Riley women's team runs in the Army 10-Miler Oct. 8.

ARLINGTON, Va. – Alisa Harvey became the first four-time winner of the Army 10-Miler in a masters women's record time of 59 minutes while Jared Nyamboki coasted to the men's victory in 48:24 Oct. 8 in Washington, D.C.

The 22nd running of America's largest 10-mile road race started and finished at the Pentagon with 15,134 official finishers in the field of 16,676 runners.

"It's more than just a road race for me," said Harvey, a 41-year-old mother of two from Manassas, Va. "I love the military aspect when I get out there with the men who are all 'Hoah!' They're excited about the race and they're competitive, even with the women. It's a whole new feel, so I just love being a part of all that."

Harvey also was grateful that second-place finisher Army Capt. Emily Brzozowski of Fort Carson, Colo., set the women's pace for most of the first seven miles.

"I was so happy that she was there because the 10-mile distance is still a stretch for me, being a miler, so I wanted to hang with her," Harvey said. "I have a tendency to go out too hard. She set a perfect pace for a perfect race. She helped me a lot."

Harvey passed and pulled away from Brzozowski during the eighth mile along Independence Avenue, just past the U.S. Capitol.

"After the eighth mile, I stopped hearing her," Harvey said. "I didn't look back."

Harvey was an NCAA track champion in 1986 at the University of Tennessee and recently was inducted into

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Squirrels: Pests to some, entertainment for others

By Alan Hynke

Fish and Wildlife Biologist

Among urbanites, there is a love-hate relationship with squirrels. Considered a pest by some and entertainment by others, squirrels tend to be equally at home in the city as in the country. A quick check of Web sites available on the Internet for squirrels verifies the affection-hate split the urban dwelling rodents. There are just as many Web sites that are anti-squirrel as there are pro-squirrel.

The red or fox squirrel is by far the most common in Kansas. It is found throughout the state.

On the Wildside: News About Nature

Gray squirrels are found only in the eastern third of Kansas, but are the most common in North America.

Both squirrels spend most of their time on the ground foraging for food. They cache nuts for later consumption in shallow holes in the ground.

Urban squirrels tend to be much more bold than their wild counterparts. It is not uncommon to get within a few feet of these domestic squirrels, a feat that is nearly impossible in the wild.

Squirrels are members of the

rodent family. There are eight species of "tree squirrels" in North America and two additional species – the southern and northern flying squirrels – which are also related.

The eastern gray squirrel is usually gray or brownish-gray with a white or lighter gray belly. The red squirrel, also a tree squirrel, is smaller and has reddish brown fur with white underparts. Both are active during daylight hours and are primarily herbivores, feeding on roots, stems, bark, shoots, leaves,

fruits, nuts, seeds, fungi, flower bulbs and occasionally insects. Because they have rootless teeth that keep growing, they must gnaw continuously to wear them down. Otherwise they would be unable to close their mouths, and their teeth would continue to grow and eventually prevent them from feeding.

Squirrels have slender toes with sharp claws that make them excellent climbers. They keep busy collecting and hoarding seeds and other food. Red squirrels will store food where they live, whereas grays will store it elsewhere. They often store more than they need and sometimes forget where they stashed it. This

contributes to reforestation by scattering seeds that will take root and grow in a new location.

Gray or red squirrels generally build their nests high up in trees, in hollow trunks or forks between thick branches, using moss, twigs, and dry leaves. Sometimes squirrels will live in colonies with several nests shared amongst them.

Although they do not hibernate, they will spend long hours in their nests during winter. Red squirrels will stay in their nests for days since they have food stored, whereas grays will go out of their nests every day.

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Zachar snags possible trophy elk on post

Staff report

Lt. Col. Frank Zachar, commander of the 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, bagged what might be the trophy elk for this season while he was hunting around Wildcat Creek on post about 9:45 a.m. Oct. 6.

The elk had an antler rack with seven scoreable points on one side and six on the other. Two employees of the post's Conservation Office, Lt. Col. Dave Seigel, Maj. John Vermeesch and Col. Don Grimes helped him move the elk to a truck so he could haul it to a processor.

The folks at the processing plant said the elk weighed just over 800 pounds, Zachar said.

Zachar has hunted on Fort Riley the past two years, but this was his first time hunting elk on post.

"I had done some limited scouting prior to this hunt and had only heard cow elk's moving," he said. So, he really was hunting for a cow elk to fill his any-sex tag that allowed him to hunt from October to December.

With only 15 tags issued for Kansas, Zachar said getting the tag was like winning the lottery. Harvesting a bull elk the size of his animal was "like winning the lottery a second time and doing it three hours into my first hunt is like winning a third time," he said.

Zachar and his hunting buddy, Seigel, split up to hunt during the first hour and a half, Zachar said. When they reunited, they decided to comb the thickest part of Wild-



Lt. Col. Frank Zachar poses with what may be the trophy elk for this season at Fort Riley. The elk weighed more than 800 pounds and had seven scoreable points on one rack and six on the other.

Courtesy photo

cat Creek in the northeastern part of the installation, he added.

Zachar's story about bagging the elk goes like this:

"We each took a side of the creek. After an hour of walking and calling with a cow call, I smelled the distinct smell of a bull elk. I then noticed that an elk had recently walked the very same narrow animal path I was traveling.

"I signaled to Lt. Col. Seigel with the elk call and then motioned with a hand and arm signal that I was in close proximity to a bull elk.

"We detoured away from the creek into an even denser area of

woods. At some points, I literally had to crawl to move through. We returned to the trail without finding any more sign and decided to separate again.

"I moved about 40 yards and then heard the most raucous sound. It was a cross between a large oak tree slowly falling and a locomotive going through the dense trees. I immediately realized it must be a huge bull elk running upwind and that with the level of noise, he must have a large set of antlers.

"Having studied a bit on how to hunt elk, I knew I needed to run with the elk. I ran for about 400 meters in the direction the elk was

moving, attempting to cut him off. "Sweating profusely, I circled around him, forcing him to turn. All the while, I made cow elk calls.

"I slowly made my way back to the creek to about where I first heard the elk, and sure enough I had caused the elk to turn and move downwind and across the creek.

"Out of the corner of my eye, I spotted him about 50 meters away, moving quietly alongside me. With my Winchester Model 70 .300 Magnum and Leopold scope, it was an easy shot. He only moved two yards between my two lethal shots.

"It was tough not to stare at the large antlers as I took aim and it was equally tough not to move as the elk and I were fairly close to one another. I knew a few more steps and the gig would be up since he would have made me, being that he was clearly downwind.

"When I got up close, I was really shocked. He was bigger than I thought, although not as big as some elk get."

The easy work done, Zachar and Seigel went in search of help to move the elk out of the woods and into the truck. It took six men to drag the elk into the bed of the truck, and it was so big they couldn't close the tailgate.

"I am very thankful that all the stars aligned on this hunt, and now I can change my focus to my other pastimes, hunting ducks on the Republican River and looking for that mythical monster buck on Fort Riley," Zachar said of the experience.

Sports news briefly

Pool classes, activities listed

Oct. 16 - 5:45-6:30 p.m., Abs/Buns&Thighs

Oct. 17 - 5-6 p.m., Water Aerobics

Oct. 18 - 5:45-6:30 p.m., Abs/Buns & Thighs

Oct. 19 - 5-6 p.m., Water Aerobics

For more information, call 239-4854.

Custer Hill Lanes events listed

Custer Hill lanes is open daily for lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Oct. 13 - 5 to 8 p.m. Family Night with Bowling and Buffet

Oct. 14 - 4 to 6 p.m., Family Time Extreme Bowling

Oct. 15 - 11:30 a.m., Sunday Football in the Strike Zone Pub

Oct. 16 - 6:30 p.m., Monday Night Football in the Strike Zone Pub

Oct. 18 - 5 to 7 p.m., Wednesday Wing Night in the Bar

Oct. 20 - 5 to 8 p.m., Family Night with Bowling & Buffet

Custer Hill Bowling Center, Building 7485, offers open

bowling 5 to 11 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, 5 to 10 p.m. Fridays and 3 to 11 p.m. Saturdays.

For more information about Bowling Center activities, call 239-4366.

Outdoor rec rents shooting aid

The Outdoor Recreation Center, Building 9011 on Rifle Range Road, offers a Laser Shot Shooting Simulation System to help hunters improve their shooting. The system can be used for a rental fee of \$5 per person per hour or a group rate of \$15 per half hour or \$25 per hour.

Outdoor Rec is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

For more information, call 239-2363.

Intramural flag football held

Intramural flag football games are held Monday through Thursday at Sturgis Stadium on Main Post. Games are scheduled at 6, 7 and 8 p.m.

Occasionally the schedule changes due to training, weather and holidays. To find out for sure if there is a game, call Barry Sunstrom at 239-3945.

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uation for me," said Martin, a native of Batesville, Ark. "I not only get to drive, but I also get to teach and I love doing both. I have had a great 19 years with Roush Racing. It was a difficult decision to move on. But right now I welcome the opportunity to drive the U.S. Army car and represent our brave Soldiers who are fighting

the Global War on Terrorism."

Smith, who grew up in Cato, N.Y. - 25 miles west of Syracuse - has been preparing for this opportunity since he started to drive a go-kart at age 4.

"This is an exciting time for me," Smith said. "Driving an Army-sponsored car in Nextel Cup competition with Mark Mar-

tin as your coach is an incredible opportunity. I'm going to listen well and take advantage of what has been presented to me. I am ready to give it all I have in both Cup and Busch."

Smith has been competing in the Busch Series this season, driving the No. 35 car for Team Rensi Motorsports. In his new

MB2 Busch ride for 2007, Smith is expected to compete full time in the series.

"Mark Martin is one of NASCAR's greatest competitors and having him come on board will greatly enhance and accelerate our development," said Jay Frye, MB2's chief executive officer and general manager. "This is

definitely a red-letter day in MB2's 10-year history. We have the best of both worlds with Mark and Regan - a Hall of Famer, who will work closely with a talented and aggressive young driver."

Frye also said that Ryan Pemberton will continue as crew chief for the Army car in 2007.

Since his first Cup ride in 1981, Martin has totaled 667 starts, 35

wins, 234 top fives, 372 top 10s, 41 poles and more than \$57 million in career earnings. He has finished second four times in the NASCAR Cup final point standings - 1990, 1994, 1998 and 2002.

Martin, 47, is one of only three drivers who have made the Chase each season since the championship format began in 2004.

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Training, no-shows reflected in flag football scores, standings

Unit field activity and failure to notify the sports office of training commitments resulted in a number of forfeited flag football games in the past week, reported Barry Sunstrom, intramural sports director at Fort Riley.

All three games scheduled Oct. 4 in the Western League — comprised solely of 610th Brigade Support Battalion teams — were not played. Company G and Company E were both no-shows for the 5 p.m. game and each received forfeit losses.

Co. A won by forfeit over Company D at 7 p.m. and Compa-

ny B won by forfeit over Company C at 8 p.m.

Only one in three Northern League games scheduled for Oct. 5 were played. The 25th Transportation Company defeated Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade, 28-18, in the second game scheduled that night.

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Infantry Division, won by forfeit over the 977th Military Police Company at 6 p.m. and Medical Department Activity won by forfeit over 172nd Chemical Company at 8 p.m.

Northern League Standings

(as of Oct. 5)

Team	W	L
HHC, 1st Inf. Div.	1	0
977th MP Co.	0	1
MEDDAC	1	0
HHC, 3rd Bde.	0	1
24th Trans. Co.	1	0
172nd Chem. Co.	0	1

Southern League Standings

(as of Oct. 3)

Team	W	L
Co. A, 101st FSB	1	1
Co. B, 101st FSB	0	1
Co. E, 101st FSB	0	0
HSC, 601st ASB	1	0
Co. A, 601st ASB	1	0
Co. B, 601st ASB	1	1
1-360th Inf.	0	1

Eastern League Standings

(as of Oct. 3)

Team	W	L
HHC, 1-41st Inf.	1	1
Co. B, 4-1st FA	2	1
S96th Signal	2	0
HHC, 2-16th Inf.	0	1
HHR, 2-32nd FA	0	1
Btry A, 2-32nd FA	0	1
Btry B, 2-32nd FA	0	2

Western League Standings

(as of Oct. 4)

Team	W	L
Co. A, 610th BSB	4	1
Co. B, 610th BSB	3	1
Co. C, 610th BSB	1	4
Co. D, 610th BSB	1	3
Co. E, 610th BSB	2	2
Co. F, 610th BSB	2	2
Co. G, 610th BSB	1	3



AFPS/Gilmore

Spec. James Stuck, Capt. Matthew Scherer and Spc. Joseph Keck meet the press at a Washington, D.C., suburban hotel Oct. 6. Stuck and Keck are Army combat veterans who both lost limbs in the war against terrorism.

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said. "So, you accept it. There's nothing you can do to go into the past to change it."

Keck, who hails from Rockford, Ill., said he has completed 12-mile runs during unit physical training sessions. The 22-year-old said he was savoring the opportunity to compete in the 10-Miler.

"It's something I know I can do," Keck said. "Just, now, I'm looking at how fast I can do it."

Besides competing at the 10-Miler, Keck said he also anticipates taking his motorcycle for a spin when he goes home for a visit in the spring.

Keck said he is determined, like Stuck, to make a full recovery. He also accepts the loss of his arm, having realized soon after

being wounded that he might lose it.

"When they told me that they were going to amputate it, I already knew," Keck recalled. His recovery has "been a little hill to climb," he acknowledged.

However, Keck reiterated his determination "to carry on" as he prepared for the 10-Miler.

Army Capt. Matthew Scherer, an Iraq War veteran, accompanied Stuck and Keck at the Army 10-Miler press conference. Born in Joliet, Ill., Scherer, 35, is the chief of Walter Reed's amputee physical therapy section. He's also a supporting therapist and co-organizer of the MPIA team.

The MPIA team first competed at the Army 10-Miler in 2004,

Scherer said. The 10-Miler "is a world-class race," he said, where wounded warriors can come together in sports and work as a team.

Scherer said the MPIA team is co-sponsored by the U.S. Armed Forces Amputee Patient Care Program. This year's MPIA team has 14 wounded servicemembers representing all the military services and 18 physical-therapist supporters, he said.

One of the AFAPCP's goals "is to help folks reach their maximum level of functional capability after they've lost a limb" or sustained other types of severe injuries, Scherer said.

Squirrels

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Gray squirrels mate in January or February and again around July; reds mate in February or March and again in July or August. The gestation period is 38 to 44 days. One to seven hairless and blind pups are born in a litter. They do not venture out of the nest until seven to eight weeks and are not weaned until 10 to 12 weeks. Their average life span is five to eight years.

The ability of squirrels to adapt to a varied environment combined with their intelligence and curiosity has made them prolific urban dwellers. Squirrels have adapted a cunning approach to acquiring their food in the city. They are nearly impossible to keep out of a bird feeder and are just at home running across a power line as they are a limb. Any entrance to an attic is fair game for acorn storage, causing damage to homes and utilities.

Squirrel season in Kansas is long, running from June 1 to Feb. 28 for both species. It is open statewide with a liberal daily bag limit of five and possession limit

of 20. Squirrel hunting is challenging and rewarding. On Fort Riley, the squirrel harvest has remained fairly steady for many years.

Black squirrels are not a separate species but rather a melanistic phase of the fox squirrel. The nearby town of Marysville is known as the "Black Squirrel City." Legend has it that a circus that was in town in the early 1900s had several black squirrels escape from the show. Whether that is true or not is unknown, but genetics that produce black squirrels are certainly in the area. Throughout the Main Post area of Fort Riley you can occasionally find black squirrels.

For more information on this or other wildlife subjects, call the Conservation Division at 239-6211 or visit its Web site at <http://www.riley.army.mil/Recreation/Outdoor/Fishing>.

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10-Miler

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the school's Hall of Fame. She struck gold in the mile and silver in the 800 meters at the 1991 Pan American Games in Havana, Cuba.

She qualified for the 2000 U.S. Marathon Olympic Trials with a 2:49 clocking in the 1999 Richmond Marathon. "I nearly died doing it, but I had a good time," recalled Harvey, who also set American masters records for the mile (4:46.29) and the 1,500 meters (4:26.49) at the 2006 Penn Relays.

Brzozowski, 27, a 2001 West Point graduate now training as a modern pentathlete in the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program, held onto second place with a time of 59:26. She finished third in the Army 10-Miler last year and won the Armed Forces women's crown at the 2005 Marine Corps Marathon.

"I wanted to win for the Army; that's what I was thinking the whole time," Brzozowski said. "I love this race. It's fun. There's a lot of camaraderie. Some people are out here to race it. Some people are out here just to have fun and run. It's really a great race."

Erin Swain, 24, a former cross country standout at N.C. State University and nearby Lake Braddock (Va.) High, finished third among women with a time of 59:52. She, too, knew the women's chase was over when Harvey made her move.

"I run a lot of races in Northern Virginia so I've raced against her a lot and finished second to her a lot," Swain said. "I think she's amazing. I hope when I'm 41, I'm running as fast as her and winning just as many races as her."

Johanna Allen (1:00:03), 25, of Woodbridge, Va., and Mickey Kelly (1:00:44), 28, another WCAP modern pentathlete stationed at Fort Carson, rounded out the women's top five.

They were followed by Lt. Col. Heidi Grimm (1:00:47), 39, a WCAP triathlete from Fort Carson; Amanda Cooley (1:00:54), 29, of Fountain Inn, S.C.; Trisha Stavinoha (1:01:14), 30, of San Antonio; former women's masters record-holder Martha Merz (1:01:35), 44, of Annandale, Va.; and Lauren Manero (1:01:35), 25, of Alexandria, Va.

Nyamboki, 30, of Peachtree City, Ga., was running for Foot Solutions. He left the men's pack during the second mile and ran unchallenged throughout.

Nyamboki ran the first mile in 4:27, went through two miles in 9:15 and hit the midway mark in 23:21.

"From the 2-mile mark, I ran alone; so it was difficult for me to break the course record," he said of chasing Dan Browne's 47:32 clocking set in 2004.

Nyamboki is training for the Marine Corps Marathon, where he hopes to run 26.2 miles in 2 hours, 10 minutes. On Oct. 8, however, he wanted to run with the U.S. Army.

Fort Riley results

The Fort Riley men's Army 10-Miler team placed 10th overall. The post's women's team placed 13th overall.

Spc. Angela Hernandez finished as the top Fort Riley female runner with a time of 69:04, placing 64th overall for the females.

Other Fort Riley women runners were Capt. Jenny Kirk, Capt. Jamie Peer, Sgt. 1st Class Davina Goins and Staff Sgt. Lisa Smith.

First Lt. Steve Ackerson finished as the top Fort Riley male runner with a time of 61:26, placing 165th overall for the men.

Other men on the Fort Riley team were Sgt. 1st Class Mike Connelly, Capt. Mark Malcolm and Sgt. 1st Class Ryan Gardner.

"There are more races around the United States today that have money but my mental thing was to challenge the American guys, the Army guys, because it's better to run with them because America's Army is the best in the world," Nyamboki said. "Maybe I will be wanting to join the military. Who knows? I'm serious."

Nyamboki's Foot Solutions teammates, Belay Kassa (49:37) and Richard Ondimu (50:03), who also live just outside Atlanta, finished second and third.

WCAP Sgt. Sandu Rebenciu, 37, a former steeplechaser turned modern pentathlete stationed at Fort Carson, led the All-Army Team and finished fourth in 50:18.

"I finished fourth for the fourth time, so they need to make a

fourth place award for me or something," said Rebenciu, who fell off a horse while training for the pentathlon four days earlier.

"It could have been a lot worse. I thought I was going to find the nearest bridge, take a right and come back home. These guys took it out hard and I wasn't even planning to go with them. A couple of them fell back and I ended up running with one of them the whole time, taking turns leading."

"Most of the times I hurt on the downhill because I couldn't stretch my legs properly. Then towards the end, I started compensating. It was really ugly. I felt like a truck out there. But I ended up out-kicking the guy I worked with the whole time. I'm just happy I led the team and I helped the team."

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America's Warfighting Center

Friday, October 13, 2006

Leisure time ideas

At the movies:

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children 11 and under. Children under the age of 5 are free except during children's matinees or expected sell-outs.

Oct. 12 — World Trade Center, PG-13, 129 min.

Oct. 13 — The Wicker Man, PG-13, 97 min.

Oct. 14 — Invincible, R, 104 min.

Oct. 15 — Idlewild, R, 120 min.

Oct. 19 — Invincible, R, 104 min.

For more information, call 239-9574.

Manhattan:

What: "Tartuffe." Comedy stage production by Moliree
When: Oct. 13-15 and 18-22

Where: Nichols Theatre, Kansas State University

Tickets: \$8 to \$15

Phone: (785) 532-6428

Web site: www.ksu.edu

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What: "The Odd Couple — Female Version." Staged reading.

When: 7 p.m., Oct. 15

Where: Manhattan Arts Center, 1520 Poyntz Ave.

Tickets: \$9 to \$16

Phone: (785) 537-4420

Web site: www.manhattanarts.org

Paxico:

What: Polka Pfest.

When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 14

Where: Downtown

Admission: Free

Phone: (785) 636-8400

Web site: www.paxicomercant.com

Junction City:

What: Mystical Arts of Tibet, mandala sand painting and stage performance

When: Nov. 2-5

Where: To be announced.

Admission: Entry to the mandala is free; tickets to the performance are \$20, \$1 of each ticket sale will go to the AUSA's Wounded Soldier Fund. For tickets call the Arts Council at (785) 762-2581 or stop by 107 W. Seventh St.

Web site: www.mysticalartsofbet.org

Lions and tigers and bears, oh my!

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

It's a smaller cast, but a more hectic production schedule, said Tim Aikert, director of this year's "Wizard of Oz" musical at the Columbian Theatre in Wamego, Kan.

Performances are scheduled Thursday through Sunday every weekend of October.

Last year's show had 44 cast members. This year's cast numbers 35, but it includes a number of returning actors, so the preparation for opening night was eased somewhat.

Set construction got delayed one weekend because a marriage booked for the famous renovated theater, the chief set builder said. Even so, the final dress rehearsal stage included a castle tower, farmhouse, whirling tornado and the wizard's chamber in the Emerald City, not to mention a variety of curtain backdrops and all the apparatus needed to fly a multitude of characters across the stage.

The Columbian Theatre contracted ZFX in California to set up the flying apparatus and to train local "flyers" for the performances. Most of the time, it takes two flyers to move one character through the air, Aikert said. Sometimes, all six trained flyers are involved in moving characters.

At times throughout the show, Dorothy, the mean Miss Gulch riding her bicycle, the Wicked Witch of the West, the Good Witch of the North (Glinda) in her bubble, the Tin Man, the Scarecrow and the Flying Monkeys all become airborne.

The 15-foot tornado actually whirls across the stage, Aikert

said, and the Wicked Witch of the West actually melts on stage. How the flying is done will be no big secret to the audience, but the melting witch might appear a bit more mystical.

One big help with getting this year's production ready was the fact that 12 major and minor cast members have parts again — some the same one's they played last year. Playing Dorothy for the second year didn't help Leah Kazaglis memorize her lines, she admitted. She had to do that just like it was her first performance as Dorothy, she said.

Part of that may have been caused because the stage script was adapted more to the movie script, Aikert said. The stage play included some scenes not part of the popular movie version of the "Wizard of Oz," and Aikert said he wanted to stick as close to the movie as possible.

One of the new stars is Toto, a 5-month-old Cairn terrier donated to the Oz Museum and Columbian Theatre in Wamego by the Skyview Kennel in Marysville, Kan. Some of the actions on stage excite the little dog and he gets a little hard to handle, but Dorothy is learning to cope with that.

Toto also inserts a lot of his own lines (barking) during the show that his predecessor, a veteran of three "Wizard of Oz" productions and many other stage shows, managed to suppress.

Shows last about two hours, Aikert said, except during the Oztoberfest. Those shows are preceded with a 30-minute interview with six Munchkin actors who appeared with Judy Garland in the movie, he said.

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The Wicked Witch of the West, played by Christie Horton, threatens the Scarecrow, played by Drew Horton, and the Tin Man, played by John Richards, as they travel the Yellow Brick Road with Dorothy in search of the Wizard of Oz.

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Heronemus

Reprints
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Cast

Dorothy — Leah Kazaglis
Miss Gulch and Wicked Witch of the West — Christie Horton
Glinda — Stephanie Stewart
Scarecrow — Drew Horton
Tin Man — John Richards
Lion — Ron Lackey
Prof. Marvel and the Wizard — Brian Wells
Uncle Henry — Glen Carlton
Auntie Em — Sharon Carlton
Citizens of Oz — Lewis Daugherty, Kristin Vanlerberg, Mikaela Maschmeier, Ray Springer, Dana Gude, Jill Kaiser, Megan Ashlock, Hannah Conroy-Philbrook, Nicole Mumford, Alicia Kilian, Molly Delay
Nikko — Lewis Daugherty
Winkles — Mikaela Maschmeier, Dustin Maschmeier, Ray Springer, Dana Gude
Trees — Mikaela Maschmeier, Ray Springer
Flying Monkeys — Ray Springer, Dana Gude, Emily Stratton, Hannah Conroy-Philbrook, Nicole Mumford, Alicia Kilian, Molly Delay
Munchkin Mayor — Zachery Brunner
Munchkin Barrister — Patrick Curtis
Munchkin Coroner — Carrie Kiker
Munchkin Lullaby League — Alexandra Kazaglis, Ruthie Martin, Reagan Emig
Munchkin Lollipop Guild — Nate Coots, Reece Warren, Gabe Warren
Munchkins — Maddy Coots, Valerie Ruggle, Emily Stratton, Alyssa Frey, Cheyanne Brunner

Exhibit tells internment story

Special to the Post

Some disappeared under the cover of night.

Others were taken during raids on their place of employment.

About a third were kidnapped by U.S. agents in other countries and brought to the United States by force.

None had a lawyer or were charged with, tried for or convicted of a war-related crime.

Many were imprisoned for the duration of that global war, and for years after it ended.

They were the 15,000 German-American civilians the U.S. government interned between 1941 and 1948.

Using 10 narrative panels, an NBC "Dateline" documentary and a 1945 U.S. government color film about this story, TRACES' mobile museum — a retrofitted school bus called the BUS-eum 2 — will tour seven Midwest states between Labor Day and early November 2006, with showings of this innovative exhibit in about 100 communities in Minnesota, both Dakotas, Nebraska, Kansas,

Missouri and Iowa.

The BUS-eum 2 will be in Junction City at the Geary County Museum from 4 to 7 p.m. Oct. 19.

It will be parked in front of the museum at 530 N. Adams St. This program is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Fort Riley Museums and the Geary County Historical Society.

TRACES Center for History and Culture is a Midwest/WWII-history museum in downtown Saint Paul, Minn.'s historical Landmark Center, the former Federal Courts Building. Each of its more than two dozen exhibits about Midwesterners' encounters with Germans or Austrians between 1933 and 1948 forms part of a larger mosaic, a fuller image of a war that is often misunderstood or seen in clichés. At TRACES, WWII is a case study from which to learn today.

The main goals of this mobile exhibit include presenting an unknown history to a wide audience, stimulating penetrating questions on the part of visitors to the exhibit and then leading them to open discussion.

It explores a virtually unknown yet significant historical event, possibly one of the United States' least-known WWII subchapters. The Midwest was the site of 18 internment camps or detention centers, including Ft. Lincoln near Bismarck, N.D.; Camp (now Ft.) McCoy near Sparta, Wis.; and Ft. Crook near Omaha, Neb.; Home of the Good Shepherd Convents in Omaha, St. Paul, Milwaukee, Wis.; Chicago, Ill.; and Cleveland, Ohio; county or city jails in St. Paul, Milwaukee and St. Louis, Mo.; detention centers in Selma, Kan.; Kansas City, Mo.; Chicago, Detroit and Hotel Gibson and the Hamilton County Workhouse in Cincinnati.

Providing an added perspective on this subject and period will be a presentation by local author and historian Lowell May. He will speak at 7 p.m. in the Geary County Museum on German PW camps in Kansas. One such camp was located at Fort Riley during World War II.

The public is invited. For more information, persons may call (785) 239-2737.

You can find the Fort Riley Post online at www.riley.army.mil

